



Dance in the
Wampire Bund

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gelitten,

gemordet für dieses Reich,

das niemals kommt

—und dennoch macht es die ganze menschliche Geschichte!

Let His kingdom come!

Nothing is more real than this illusion.

It has smashed the cathedrals.

Millennia have sung, suffered, and murdered one another

For this illusive kingdom that never comes.

—And so it is responsible for the whole of human history.

Frisch "Nun singen sie wieder"

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Sie hat die Dome erbaut, sie hat die
Dome zertrümmert,

"YOU'RE ALWAYS
STARING SADLY
OUT AT THE
WORLD. HOW
LONG ARE YOU
GOING TO KEEP
DOING THAT?"



ONCE UPON A
TIME, A YOUNG
BOY ASKED THE
QUEEN OF THE
MONSTERS A
QUESTION...



"IF YOU
GRANT MY
WISH, I
SHALL STOP
BEING SAD,"
THE QUEEN
REPLIED.

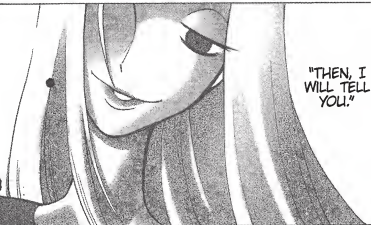
"I WILL,"
THE BOY
NODDED
VIGOROUSLY.



"BUT IF YOU
BREAK YOUR
WORD...I SHALL
EAT YOU. SO,
DEAR BOY, WILL
YOU STILL MAKE
YOUR PROMISE?"

"MY
WISH
IS..."

"THEN, I
WILL TELL
YOU."



Chapter 1: The Covenant

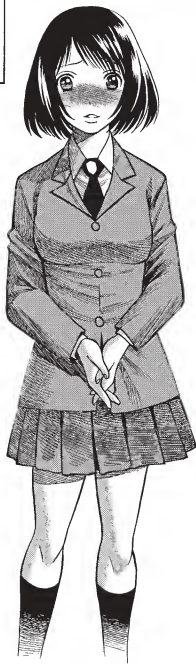


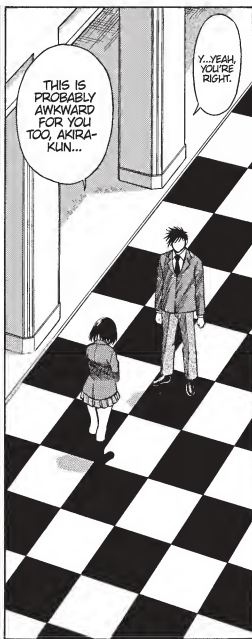
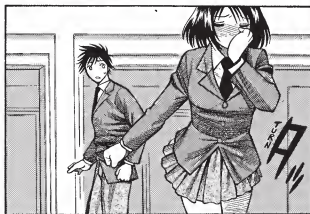
I'M
SORRY.

THE GIRL
FROZE, A
FLUSHED,
HALF-GRIN
ON HER
FACE.

IN THAT
INSTANT...

I...CAN'T
GO OUT
WITH YOU,
YUKI.







RYOHEI.



AKIRA.





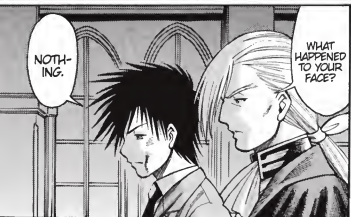
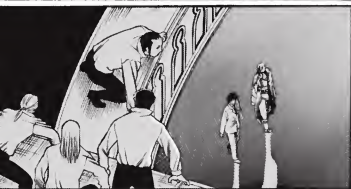
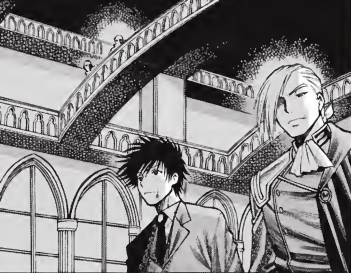


I HAVE
COME FOR
YOU, IN
ACCORDANCE
WITH THE
COVENANT.

ARE YOU
KABURAGI
AKIRA-
SAMA?







NOTHING.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?

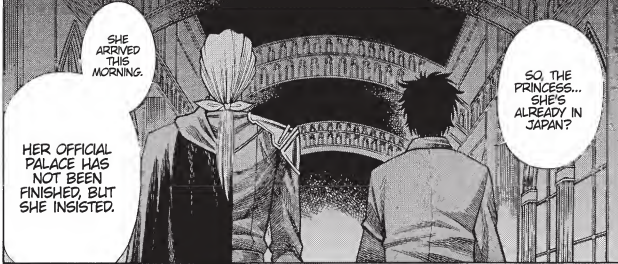


IT'LL HEAL IN NO TIME.

WHY? I'M NOT HUMAN.



USE THIS.



SHE
ARRIVED
THIS
MORNING.

HER OFFICIAL
PALACE HAS
NOT BEEN
FINISHED, BUT
SHE INSISTED.

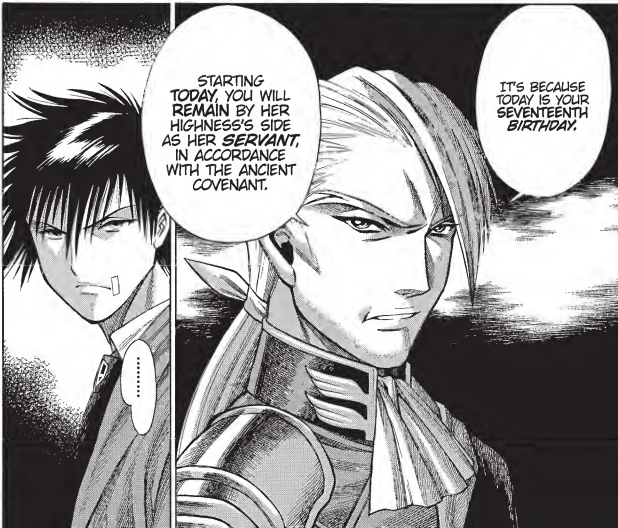
SO, THE
PRINCESS...
SHE'S
ALREADY IN
JAPAN?



NOPE.

WHO
KNOWS
HOW
ROYALS
THINK?

DO YOU
KNOW
WHY?



STARTING
TODAY, YOU WILL
REMAIN BY HER
HIGHNESS'S SIDE
AS HER *SERVANT*,
IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE ANCIENT
COVENANT.

IT'S BECAUSE
TODAY IS YOUR
SEVENTEENTH
BIRTHDAY.



MISS X



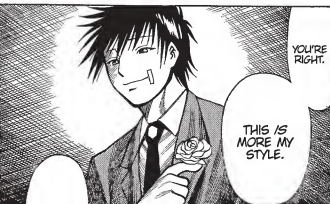
IF YOU
DON'T
PISS OFF...
I'M
LEAVING.

YOU
CAN'T GO
BEFORE
HER
HIGHNESS
LOOKING
LIKE
THAT--



PLEASE
CHANGE
INTO
THESE.

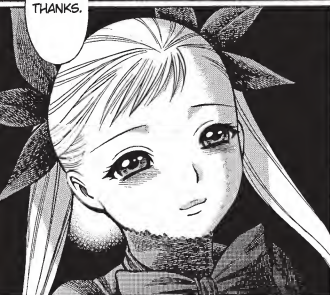
I'M
FINE.



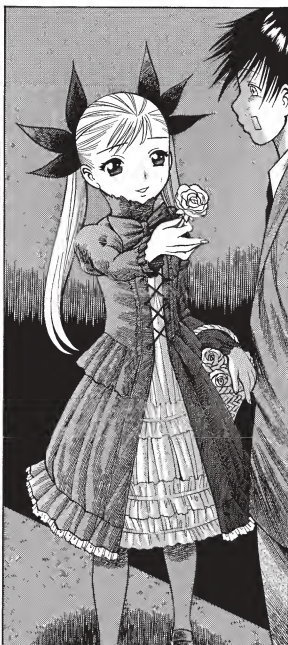
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

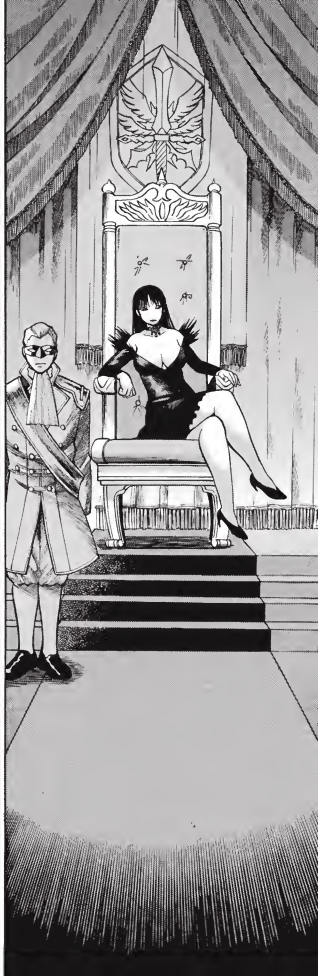
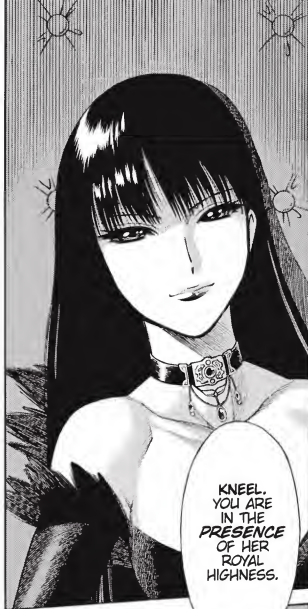
THIS IS
MORE MY
STYLE.

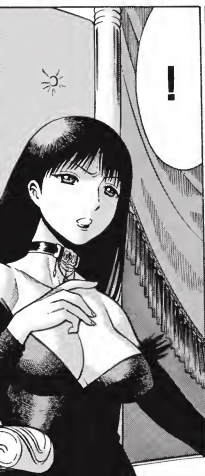
THANKS.



HER
HIGHNESS
IS WAIT-
ING.









THAT
PERSON
ISN'T THE
PRINCESS.

OF
COURSE
I'M NOT.

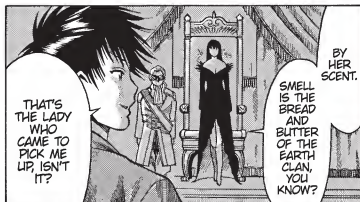


WHAT
DID YOU
JUST
SAY...
?!

YOU'RE
NOT
GOING TO
ACCEPT
THE
SUMMONS
OF HER
ROYAL
HIGH-
NESS?!



!



THAT'S
THE LADY
WHO
CAME TO
PICK ME
UP, ISN'T
IT?

BY
HER
SCENT.

SMELL
IS THE
BREAD
AND
BUTTER
OF THE
EARTH
CLAN,
YOU
KNOW?



THERE'S
NO WAY
SOMEONE
FROM YOUR
CLAN COULD
HAVE GROWN
SO MUCH IN
THAT TIME.

AND
BESIDES,
HIME-SAN,
THE LAST
TIME I SAW
YOU WAS
SEVEN
YEARS
AGO.



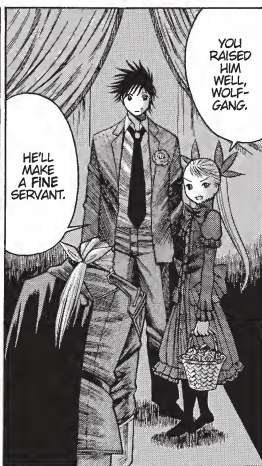
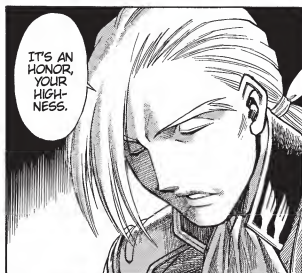
HOW
DID YOU
KNOW?

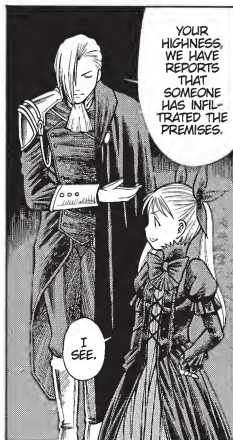
!



AM I
RIGHT...

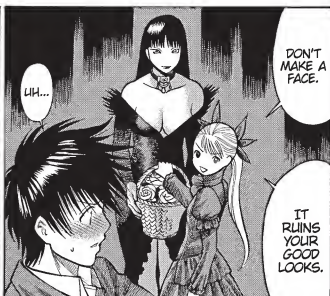
HIME-
SAN?





YOUR
HIGHNESS,
WE HAVE
REPORTS
THAT
SOMEONE
HAS INFIL-
TRATED THE
PREMISES.

I
SEE.



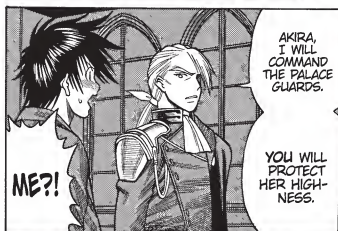
UH...

DON'T
MAKE A
FACE.

IT
RUINS
YOUR
GOOD
LOOKS.



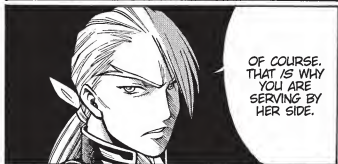
YOU'RE
ONE TO
TALK!!



ME?!

AKIRA,
I WILL
COMMAND
THE PALACE
GUARDS.

YOU WILL
PROTECT
HER HIGH-
NESS.



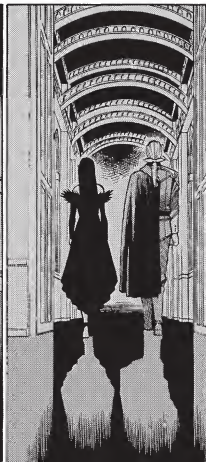
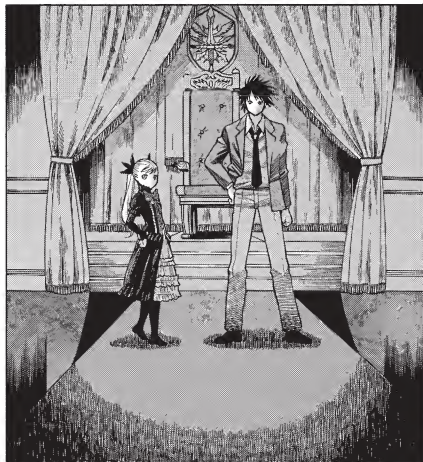
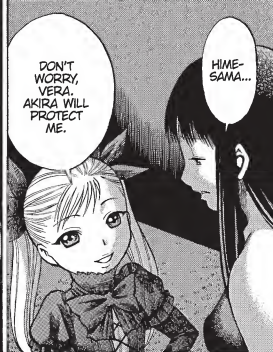
OF COURSE.
THAT IS WHY
YOU ARE
SERVING BY
HER SIDE.

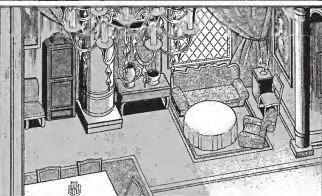
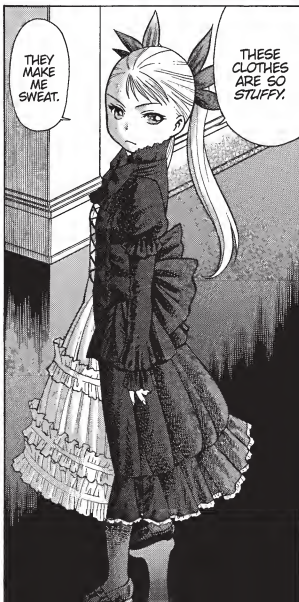
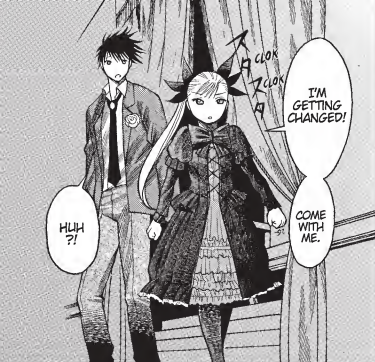


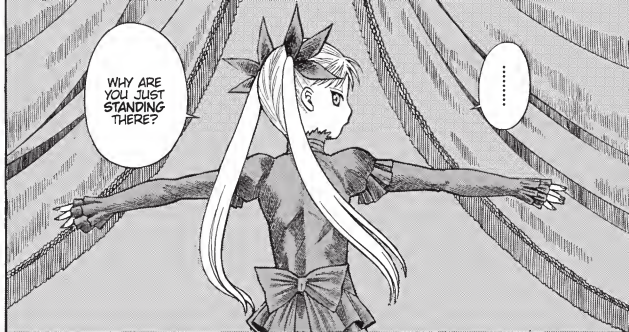
I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY,
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

IT APPEARS
THAT THERE
WAS A LEAK
AS TO YOUR
LOCATION...

DON'T
WORRY. I AM
THE ONE WHO
RUSHED THE
ISSUE. SO,
THERE ARE
BOUND TO BE
SOME ROUGH
SPOTS.







WHY ARE
YOU JUST
STANDING
THERE?

HUH
?!
WHAT
AM
I...

OF
COURSE!
WHO
ELSE IS
HERE TO
DO IT?

I'M
SUPPOSED
TO UNDRRESS
YOU?!



JEEZ,
THESE
CLOTHES
ARE COM-
PLI-
CATED.

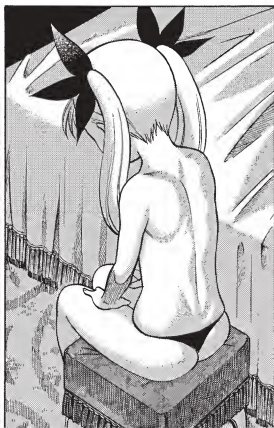
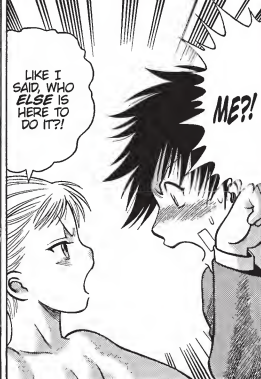
WHICH
WAY
DOES
THIS GO
NOW?

DO YOU
COMPLAIN
ALL THE
TIME, OR
ARE YOU
NATURALLY
THIS LAZY?

JESUS...
YOU
PEOPLE...





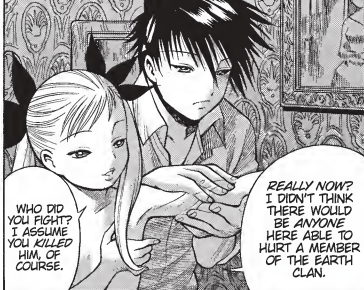






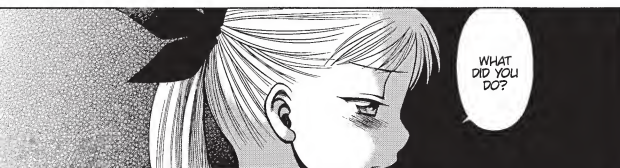
OF
COURSE
I DIDN'T.
IT WAS
AN OLD
FRIEND
OF
MINE...

AND I
WAS THE
BAD GUY.



WHO DID
YOU FIGHT?
I ASSUME
YOU KILLED
HIM, OF
COURSE.

REALLY NOW?
I DIDN'T THINK
THERE WOULD
BE ANYONE
HERE ABLE TO
HURT A MEMBER
OF THE EARTH
CLAN.

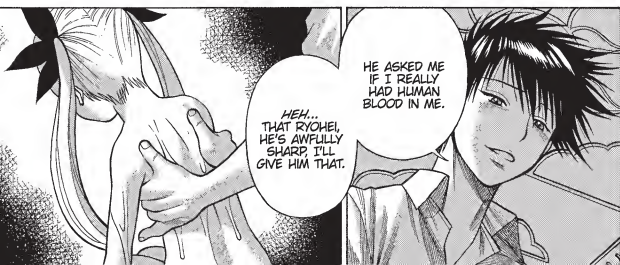


WHAT
DID YOU
DO?



HE SAID
THAT I
TOYED
WITH
YUKI'S...

WELL...
A FRIEND'S
FEELINGS.



HE ASKED ME
IF I REALLY
HAD HUMAN
BLOOD IN ME.

HEH...
THAT RYOHEI,
HE'S AWFULLY
SHARP, I'LL
GIVE HIM THAT.



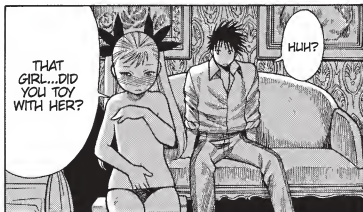
PLEASE
DO...



I'LL DO
THE
FRONT
MYSELF.



WAIT.



THAT
GIRL...DID
YOU TOY
WITH HER?

HUH?



SO, DID
YOU TOY
WITH
HER?

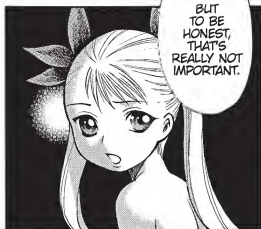
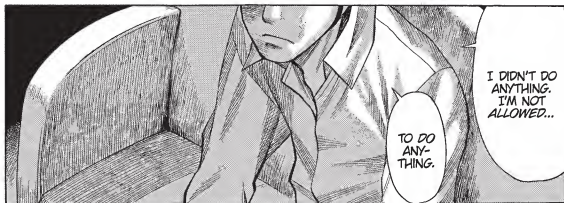
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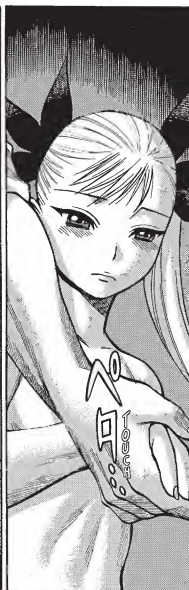
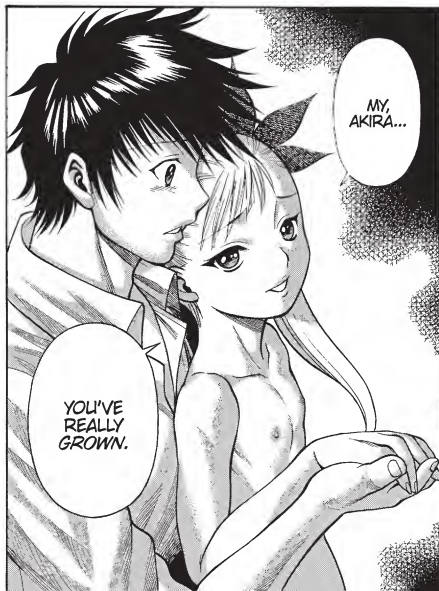


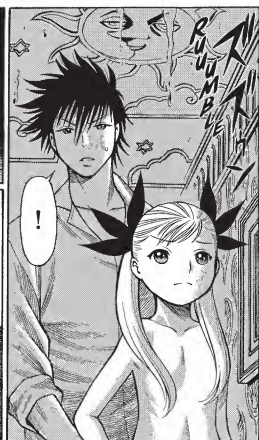
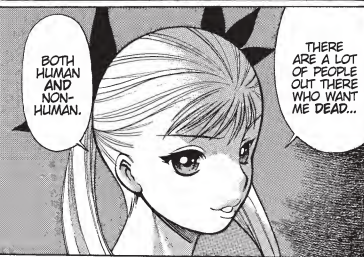
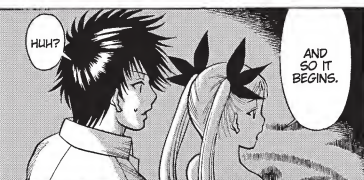
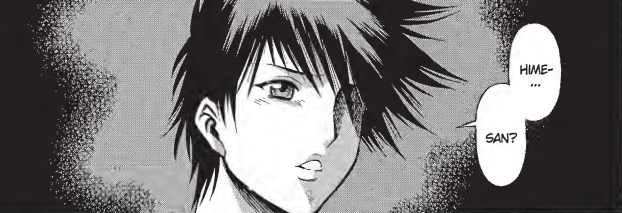
I
DIDN'T
LAY A
FINGER
ON
HER!!

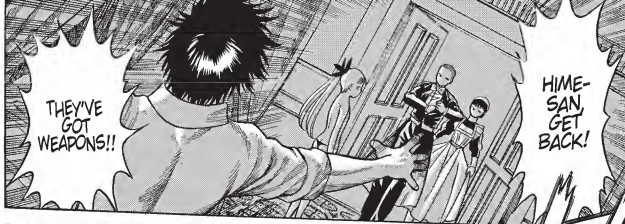
HELL
NO!

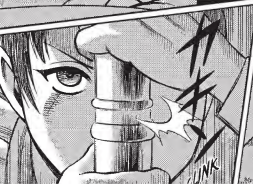
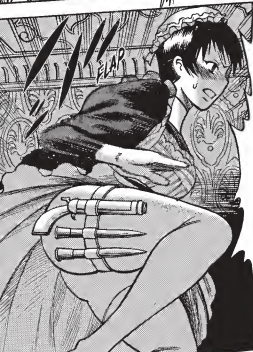
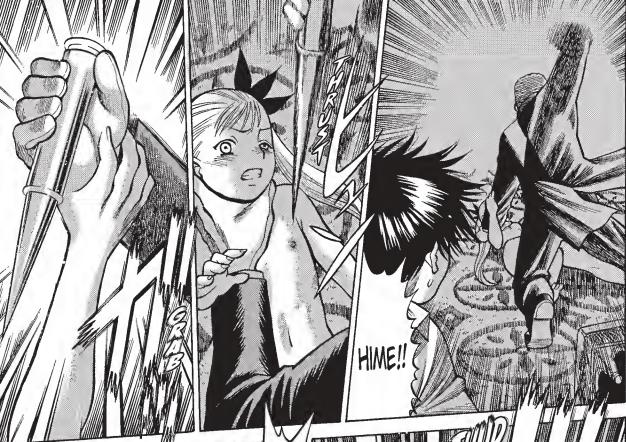
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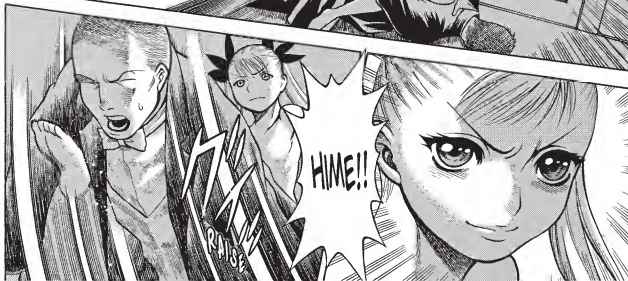




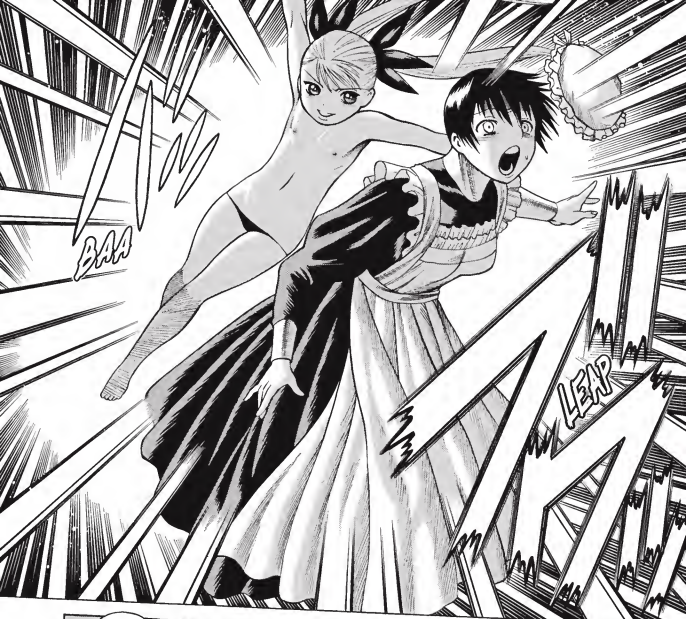












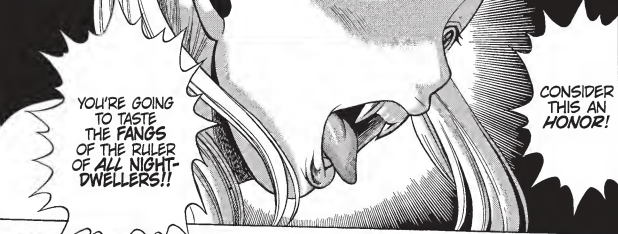
OH...
KEEPING
QUIET,
ARE WE?

SOON,
YOU'LL BE
BEGGING
TO TALK.



WHO
DO YOU
WORK
FOR?

HMPH...
A HUMAN.



YOU'RE GOING
TO TASTE
THE FANGS
OF THE RULER
OF ALL NIGHT-
DWELLERS!!

CONSIDER
THIS AN
HONOR!



ONCE AGAIN,
I COULDN'T
HELP REMEM-
BERING WHO
THE GIRL IN
FRONT OF ME
REALLY WAS.

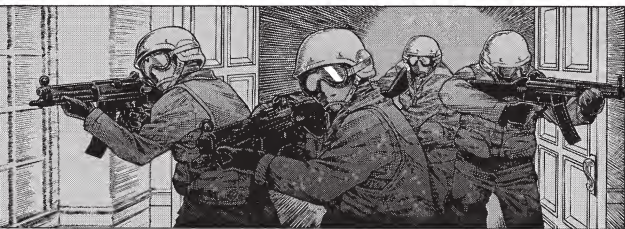
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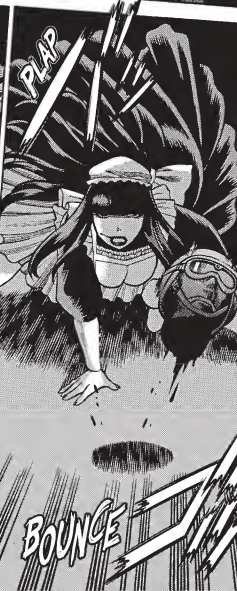
A
A
A
A
A
A
H
H!

A black and white manga-style illustration. On the left, a woman with long, flowing blonde hair and a large black bow at the top is shown from the waist up. She has a pale, almost white complexion and is looking down with a serious expression at a young boy. The boy, on the right, has dark hair and is wearing a dark, flowing robe. He is looking up at the woman with his mouth wide open in a shout or cry. Behind the woman's head is a large, bright, starburst-like light effect. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a night sky or a cave. The overall mood is dramatic and intense.

**MINA TEPEŞ,
THE RULER
OF ALL
VAMPIRES...**

**AND OF
THE JET-
BLACK
DARKNESS
THAT
CONSUMES
HALF THIS
WORLD.**







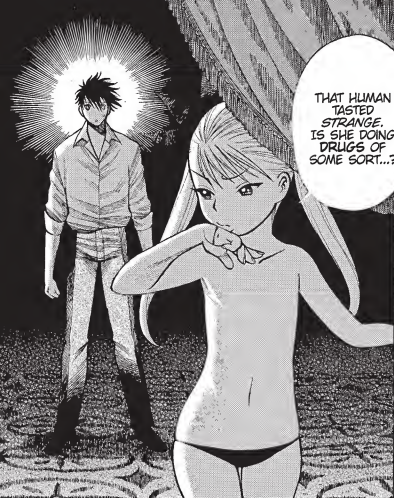


INSOLENT
WHELPS,
CAUSING
SUCH
TROUBLE
FOR HER
HIGHNESS...

DON'T THINK
YOU'LL LEAVE
HERE IN ONE
PIECE!!

Chapter 2: Choice





THAT HUMAN
TASTED
STRANGE.
IS SHE DOING
DRUGS OF
SOME SORT...?



IT
CAN'T
BE
HELPED.

AS FOR
YOU...
WHAT WILL
YOU DO?

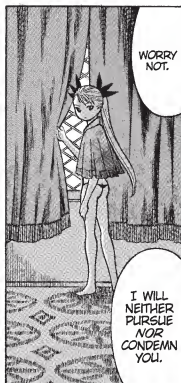


OH,
WHAT'S
WRONG?
AT A
LOSS
FOR
WORDS?



I'D LIKE
TO SEE
SOMEONE
WHO
WOULDN'T
BE
FREAKED
OUT.

WELL....
YEAH.



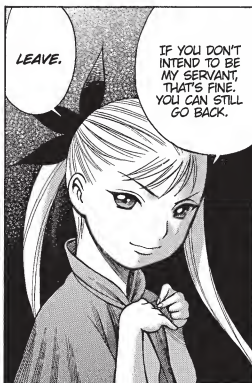
WORRY NOT.

I WILL NEITHER PURSUE NOR CONDEMN YOU.



I DON'T WANT TROUBLE LATER.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?



LEAVE.

IF YOU DON'T INTEND TO BE MY SERVANT, THAT'S FINE. YOU CAN STILL GO BACK.



I SHALL GO AND BASK IN THE LIGHT OF DAWN.

GOOD TIMING.

HMM, IT'S ALMOST DAWN.

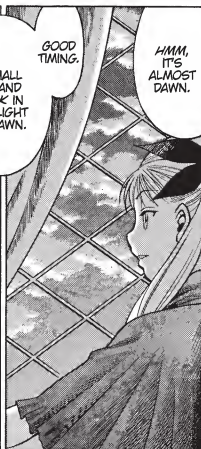


I'M NOT FORCING YOU TO COME.

IT'S LIKE I SAID, DO WHAT YOU WANT.

RIGHT NOW?!

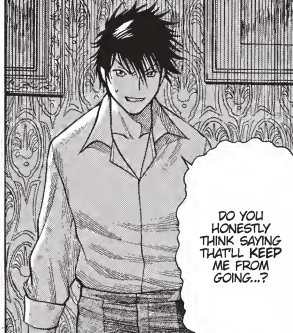
YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE, DON'T YOU?!



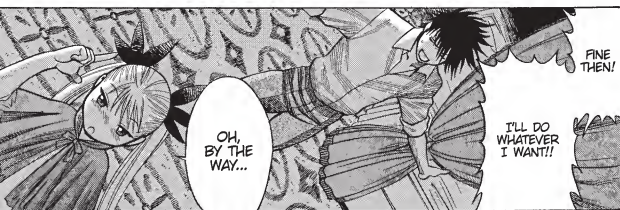


I WILL
DO AS I
PLEASE.

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOU THINK.



DO YOU
HONESTLY
THINK SAYING
THAT'LL KEEP
ME FROM
GOING...?



FINE
THEN!

OH,
BY THE
WAY...

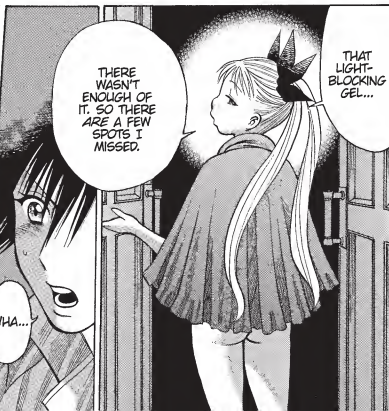
I'LL DO
WHATEVER
I WANT!!



YOU IDIOT!
IF YOU'RE
EXPOSED TO
SUNLIGHT,
YOU'LL.....!

WHERE
IS IT?!
YOUR ARMS
?!

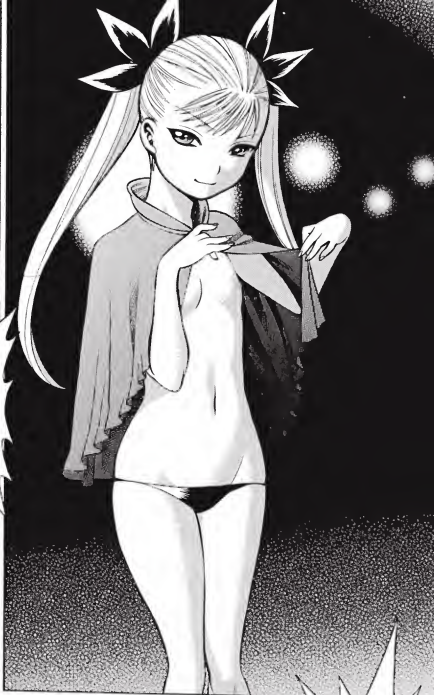
YOUR
LEGS
?!!



THERE
WASN'T
ENOUGH OF
IT. SO THERE
ARE A FEW
SPOTS I
MISSED.

THAT
LIGHT-
BLOCKING
GEL....

WHA...





NN...

LIGH
....!

GOD
DAMN
IT!!

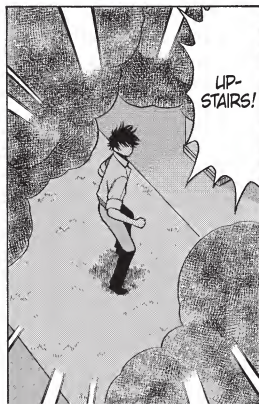


RIGHT...

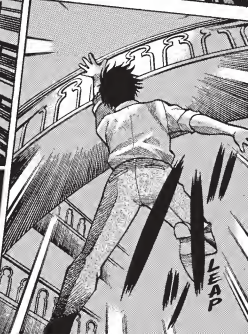
RIGHT
OVER
HER
HEART?!



IS SHE
INSANE?!
IF SHE
ABSORBS
LIGHT
THERE...









THESE
SOLDIERS,
THEY'RE
WELL-TRAINED.



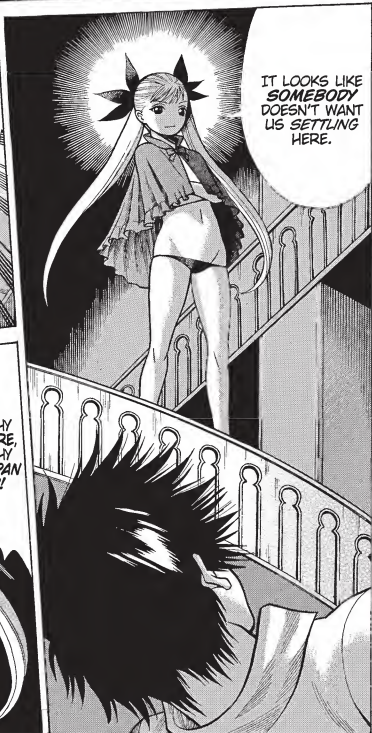
OF
COURSE
THEY
DON'T!

YOU'RE
VAMPIRES
!!



WHY
HERE,
WHY
JAPAN
?!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO DO
HERE
ANYWAY?!



IT LOOKS LIKE
SOMEBODY
DOESN'T WANT
US *SETTLING*
HERE.



IS TO
SEE
YOU.

BUT THE
ONLY
REASON
I'M HERE
TODAY...



WHAT
?



PREPAR-
ING FOR
BATTLE...

I
SLIP-
POSE.



WHY WOULD THE
RULER OF ALL
VAMPIRES COME SO
FAR JUST TO MEET
ME, WITHOUT
WORRYING AT
ALL ABOUT BEING
ATTACKED IN THE
PROCESS?

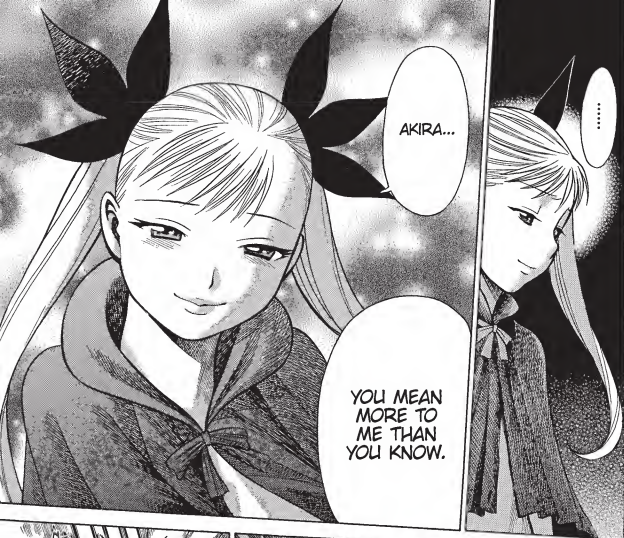
DON'T BE
STUPID,
THAT CAN'T
BE IT!

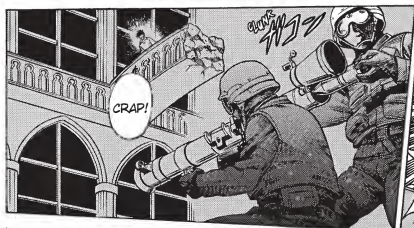


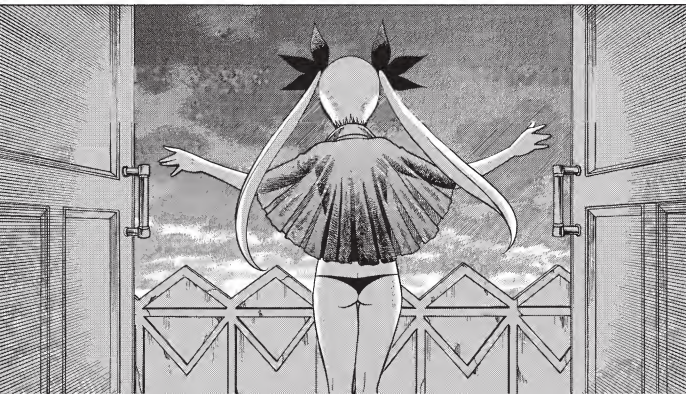
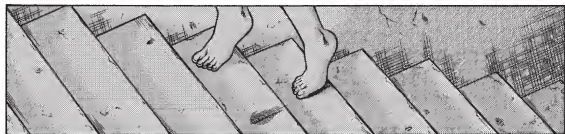
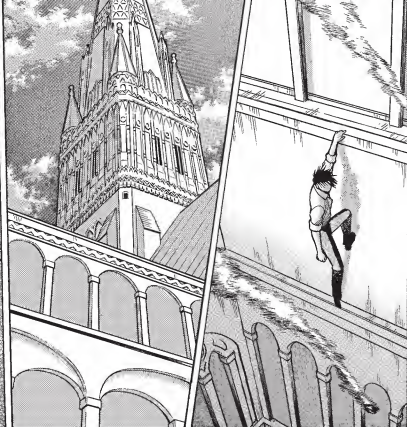
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU WOULD
EXPOSE
YOURSELF TO
SUNLIGHT
JUST FOR
THAT!

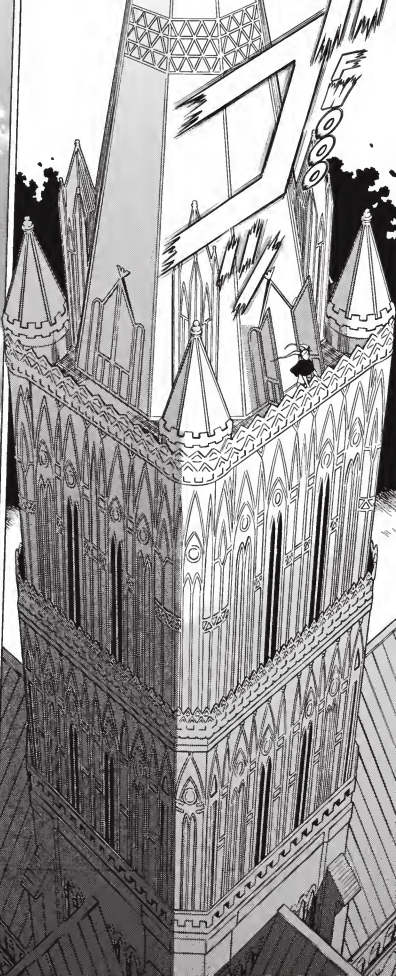
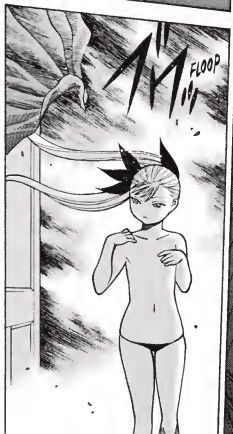
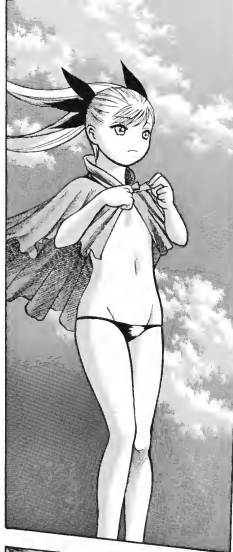
IT'S
TRUE THAT
I ONCE
MADE A
PROMISE
TO SERVE
YOU...

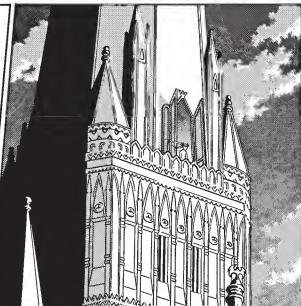
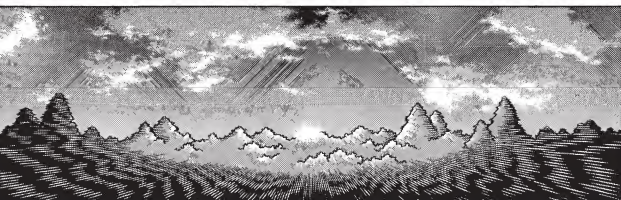
BUT I'M
JUST **ONE**
OUT OF
GOD KNOWS
HOW MANY
SERVANTS
YOU HAVE!

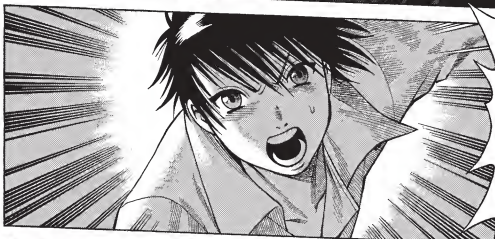
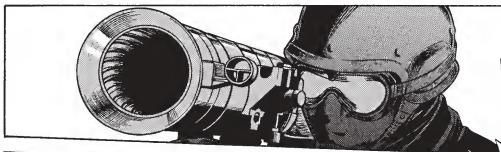
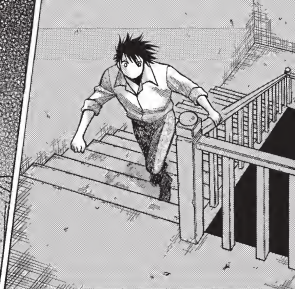
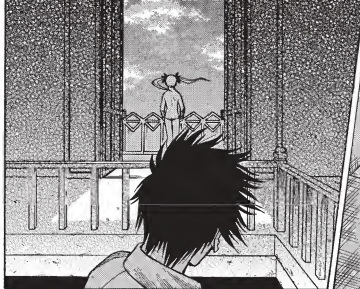




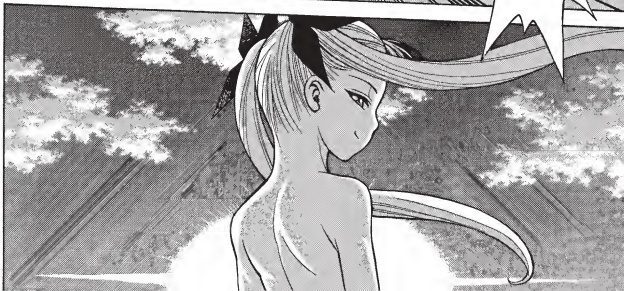




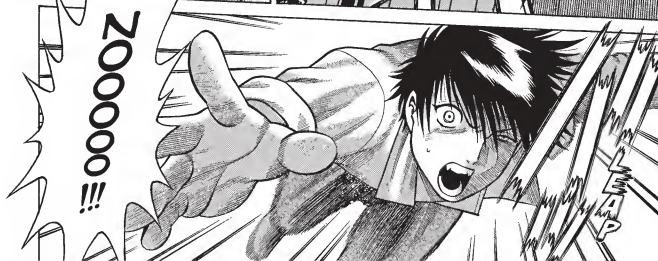
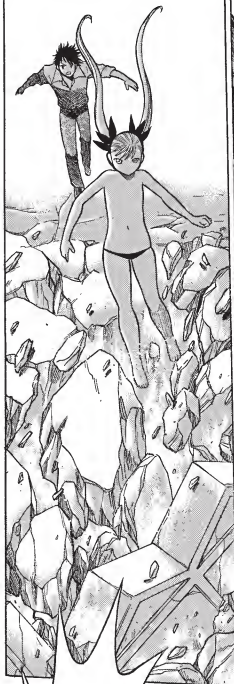




H I M E !

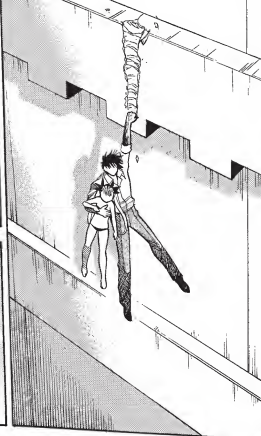
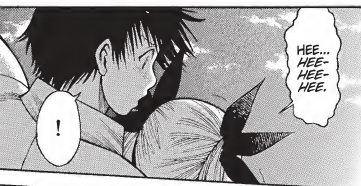
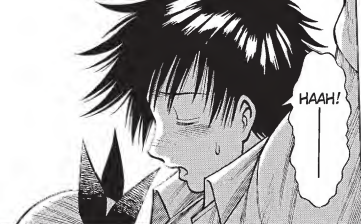














I GUESS
I'LL STICK
WITH YOU
FOR A
WHILE.



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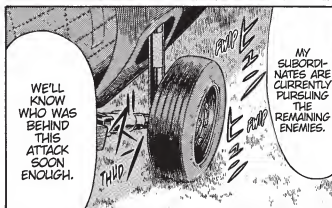
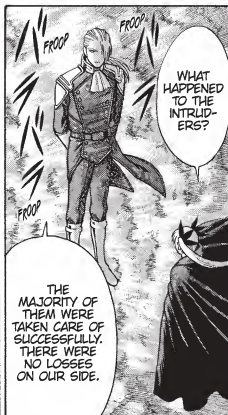
SIGH...

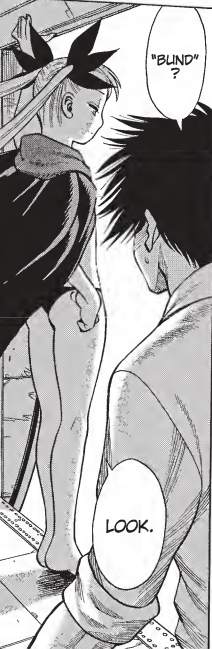
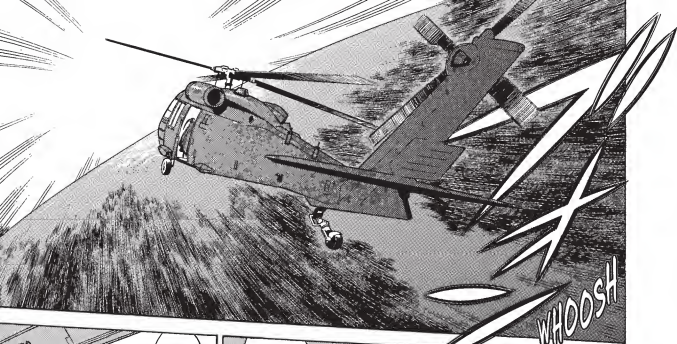


I
GIVE
UP.

FINE.

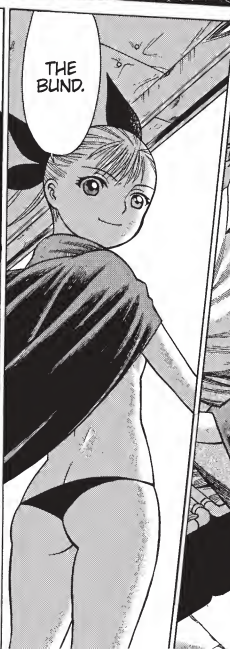




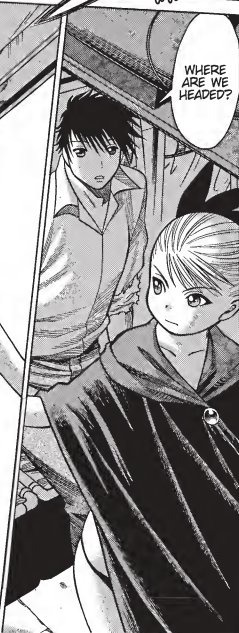


"BLIND"?

LOOK.



THE
BLIND.



WHERE
ARE WE
HEADED?



THIS IS
TOKYO
LANDFILL
#0.

IT'S A
MAN-MADE
ISLAND GIVEN
TO ME BY THE
JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT
THEMSELVES.

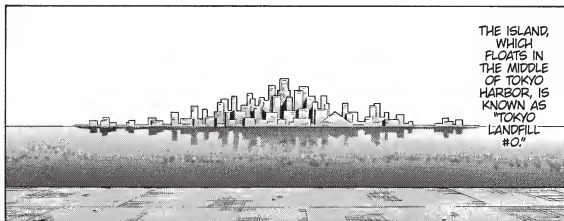


THE
ANSWER
IS...

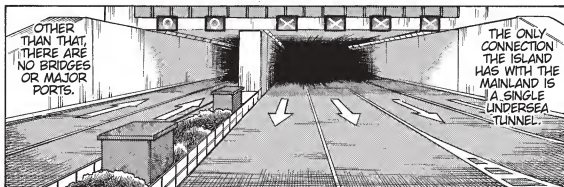
YOU
ASKED
ME
WHY...

I CAME
TO JAPAN.

I AM GOING
TO BUILD A
**VAMPIRE
KINGDOM**
RIGHT HERE!!

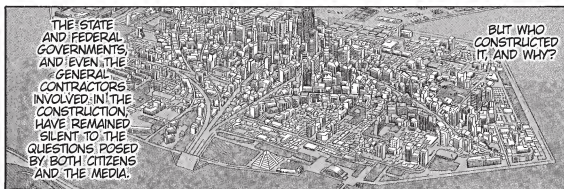


THE ISLAND,
WHICH
FLOATS IN
THE MIDDLE
OF TOKYO
HARBOR, IS
KNOWN AS
"TOKYO
LANDFILL
#0."



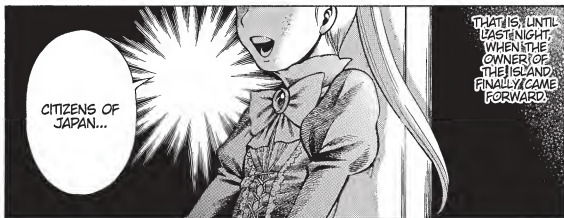
OTHER
THAN THAT,
THERE ARE
NO BRIDGES
OR MAJOR
PORTS.

THE ONLY
CONNECTION
THE ISLAND
HAS WITH THE
MAINLAND IS
A SINGLE
UNDERSEA
TUNNEL.



THE STATE
AND FEDERAL
GOVERNMENTS,
AND EVEN THE
"GENERAL"
CONTRACTORS
INVOLVED IN THE
CONSTRUCTION,
HAVE REMAINED
SILENT TO THE
QUESTIONS POSED
BY BOTH CITIZENS
AND THE MEDIA.

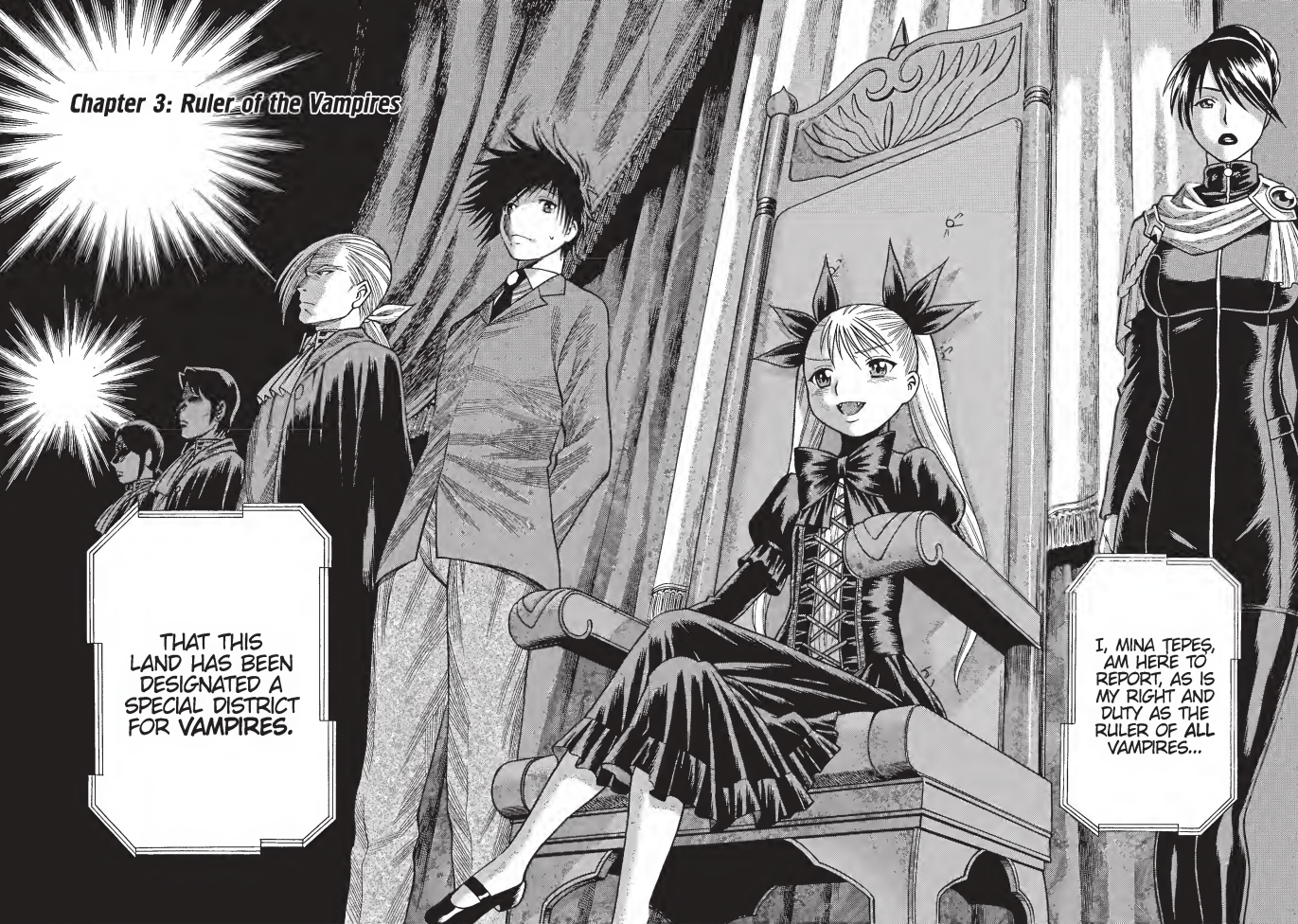
BUT WHO
CONSTRUCTED
IT, AND WHY?



CITIZENS OF
JAPAN...

THAT IS, UNTIL
LAST NIGHT,
WHEN THE
OWNER OF
THE ISLAND
FINALLY CAME
FORWARD.

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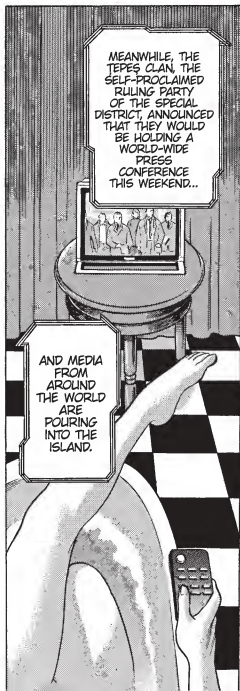
THAT THIS
LAND HAS BEEN
DESIGNATED A
SPECIAL DISTRICT
FOR VAMPIRES.

I, MINA TEPES,
AM HERE TO
REPORT, AS IS
MY RIGHT AND
DUTY AS THE
RULER OF ALL
VAMPIRES...



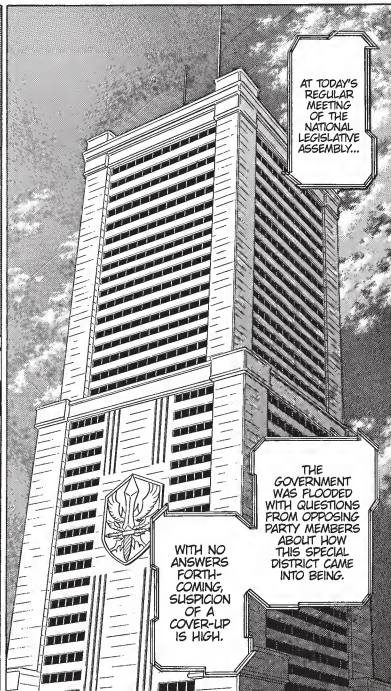
AND
SHOCKWAVES
FROM THE
ANNOUNCE-
MENT ARE
STILL RIPPING
THROUGH
THE COUNTRY.

IT HAS
BEEN JUST
HOURS
SINCE THE
SURPRISE
ESTABLISH-
MENT OF
A NEW
SPECIAL
DISTRICT IN
TOKYO...



MEANWHILE, THE
TEPES CLAN, THE
SELF-PROCLAIMED
RULING PARTY
OF THE SPECIAL
DISTRICT, ANNOUNCED
THAT THEY WOULD
BE HOLDING A
WORLD-WIDE
PRESS
CONFERENCE
THIS WEEKEND...

AND MEDIA
FROM
AROUND
THE WORLD
ARE
POURING
INTO THE
ISLAND.



AT TODAY'S
REGULAR
MEETING
OF THE
NATIONAL
LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY...

THE
GOVERNMENT
WAS FLOODED
WITH QUESTIONS
FROM OPPOSING
PARTY MEMBERS
ABOUT HOW
THIS SPECIAL
DISTRICT CAME
INTO BEING.

WITH NO
ANSWERS
FORTH-
COMING,
SUSPICION
OF A
COVER-UP
IS HIGH.

I KNOW HER.
SHE WON
SOME KIND OF
AWARD FOR A
DOCUMENTARY
SHE DID.

I'M
IMPRESSED,
THOUGH.
EVEN
FAMOUS
PEOPLE ARE
COMING
HERE.

AS FOR
THE EXIS-
TENCE OF
VAMPIRES
AND WHAT
NOT...
I WILL
REFRAIN
FROM COM-
MENTING---

AS THERE
HAS BEEN NO
PRECEDENT OF A
SPECIAL DISTRICT
BEING CREATED
ANYWHERE IN
THE WORLD, IT
WILL BE INTER-
ESTING TO SEE
WHAT FACTORS
LEAD TO ITS
FORMATION.

CNN Newscaster
Nicole Edelman

THEY
THOUGHT
THAT
VAMPIRES
WERE JUST
IMAGINARY
CREA-
TURES...

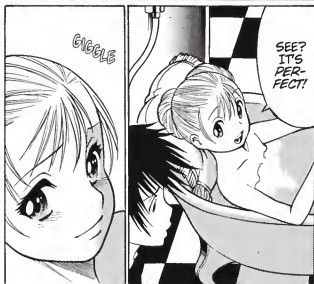
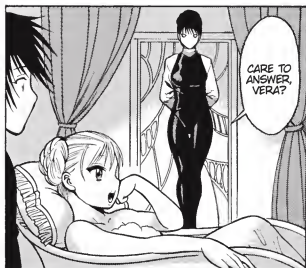
WELL,
DUH.

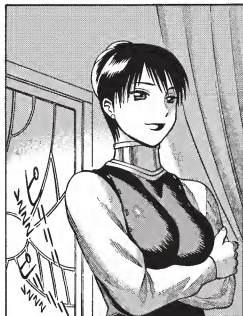
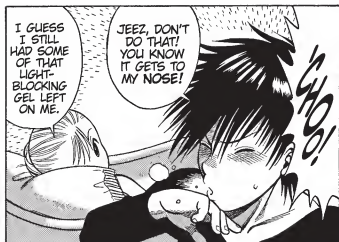
HMPH.

IT
LOOKS LIKE
THEY'RE ALL
PANICKING.

BUT NOW
THEY'VE GONE
AND BUILT A
TOWN RIGHT
IN THE MIDDLE
OF TOKYO,
AND THEY'RE
GOING TO LIVE
THERE.

OF
COURSE
THEY'D
PANIC.







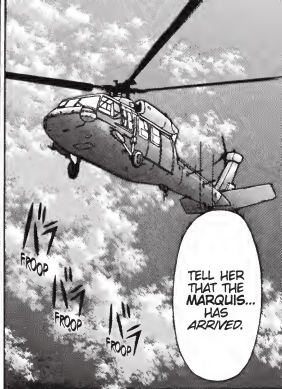
I
HEARD
HIM.

THAT
OLD
COOT...



SNAP

HIME-
SAMA?



PROOP

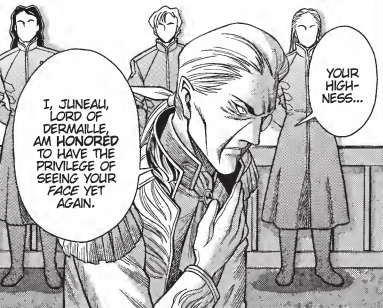
PROOP

PROOP

TELL HER
THAT THE
MARQUIS...
HAS
ARRIVED.

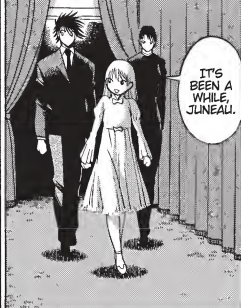


I FIGURED
HE WOULD
SHOW UP
SOONER OR
LATER.

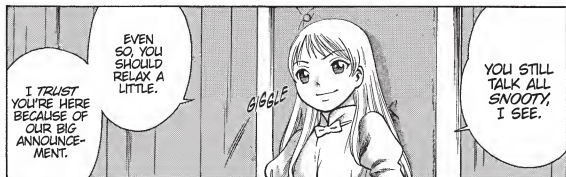


I, JUNEAU, LORD OF DEMAILLE, AM HONORED TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING YOUR FACE YET AGAIN.

YOUR HIGHNESS...



IT'S BEEN A WHILE, JUNEAU.



I TRUST YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE OF OUR BIG ANNOUNCEMENT.

EVEN SO, YOU SHOULD RELAX A LITTLE.

GIGGLE

YOU STILL TALK ALL SNOOTY, I SEE.



VERA-SAMA... PLEASE...

WOLF-GANG... DONO!

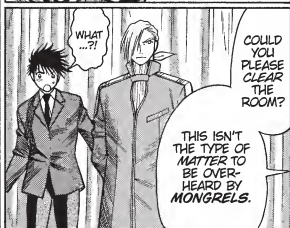


HOW DARE YOU BE SO DISRESPECTFUL!

THE EARTH CLAN ARE AN ANCIENT BLOODLINE OF KNIGHTS, WHO HAVE LONG PROTECTED THE ROYAL FAMILY.



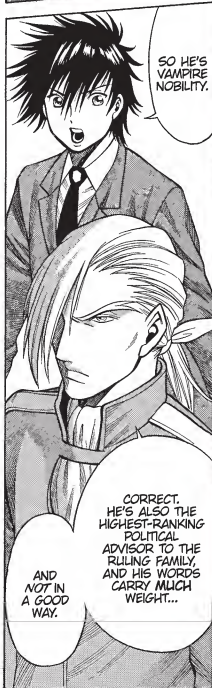
YES... THERE WAS SOMETHING I WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.



WHAT ...?!

COULD YOU PLEASE CLEAR THE ROOM?

THIS ISN'T THE TYPE OF MATTER TO BE OVERHEARD BY MONGRELS.



SO HE'S
VAMPIRE
NOBILITY.

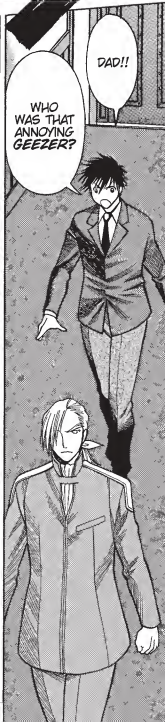
CORRECT.
HE'S ALSO THE
HIGHEST-RANKING
POLITICAL
ADVISOR TO THE
RULING FAMILY,
AND HIS WORDS
CARRY MUCH
WEIGHT...

AND
NOT IN
A GOOD
WAY.



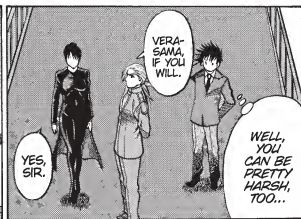
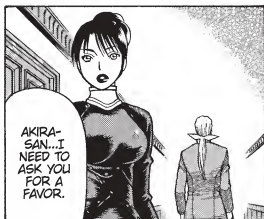
LORD
JUNEAL
OF DER-
MAILLE.

HE IS THE
HEAD OF A
HIGH-RANKING
NOBLE FAMILY
WHO SERVES
THE RULING
TEPEŞ FAMILY.



DAD!!

WHO
WAS THAT
ANNOYING
GEEZER?







EVEN
BYPASSING
ME, THE
MOST
POWERFUL
SERVANT
TO THE
RULING
FAMILY!!

I KNOW
THOSE
TWO WERE
THE DRIVING
FORCE
BEHIND
THIS ISLAND...

DON'T
PLAY
DUMB!!

WHA...

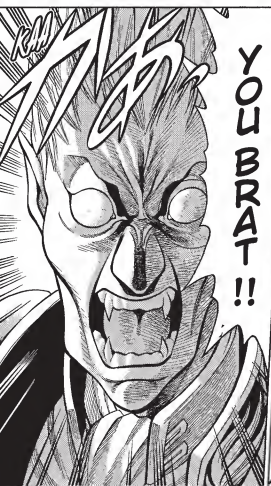
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT...?



ANSWER ME!
WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO DO,
CUTTING THE
PRINCESS
OFF FROM
US?!

HOW DARE
THEY SET UP
RESIDENCE FOR
THE RULERS
OF THE NIGHT
OUT *HERE*, IN
THE FAR-FLUNG
REACHES OF
ASIA?!

THAT DAMN
GUARD DOG
AND THAT
WHORE
FROM SUCH
LOWLY
BLOODLINES...



YOU BRAT !!



WHAT?

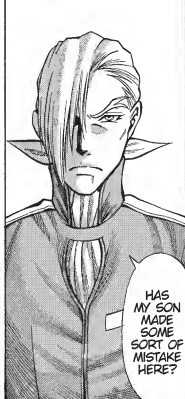
HM?

...



YOUR
BREATH
STINKS.

MAYBE YOU
SHOULD THINK
ABOUT SEEING
A DENTIST
SOMETIME,
OLD MAN.



HAS
MY SON
MADE
SOME
SORT OF
MISTAKE
HERE?



I WAS JUST
LECTURING
HIM ON
PROPER
MANNERS,
IS ALL.

HMPH.

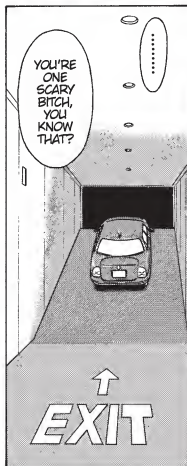
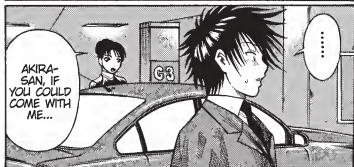
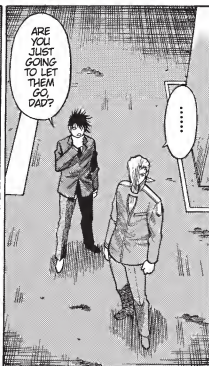
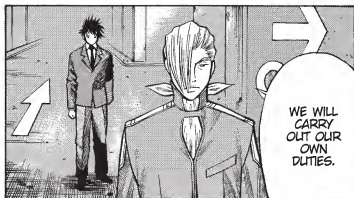


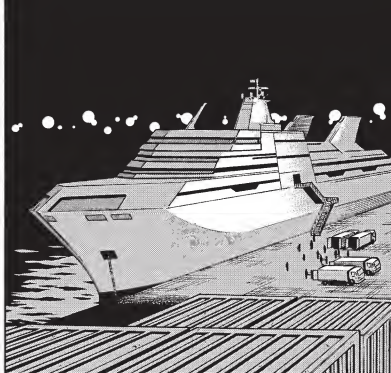
GO BACK
TO YOUR
FOREST,
AND FIND
A NEW
MASTER.



FROM
NOW ON, MY
SOLDIERS WILL
PROTECT
HER ROYAL
HIGHNESS.

THERE'S
NOTHING
LEFT FOR
YOU
MONGRELS
TO DO
HERE.







I WON'T LET
ANYBODY...
GET IN THE
WAY OF
HIME-SAMA'S
WISH.



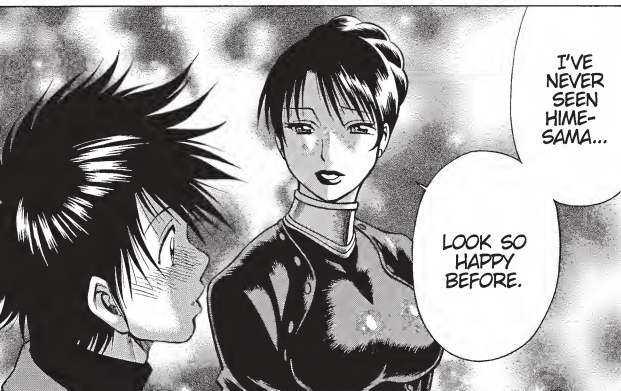
AKIRA-
SAN...

DAMN,
THIS
LADY'S
CREEPY.



HUH?

I...
APPRECIATE
WHAT YOU'VE
DONE.



I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
HIME-
SAMA...

LOOK SO
HAPPY
BEFORE.





SO, TELL
ME, WHAT
WOULD ONE
OF THE
MARQUIS'
HENCHMEN
BE DOING
OUT HERE?



COULD
IT BE...
YOU'RE ON
A SPECIAL
ASSIGN-
MENT?

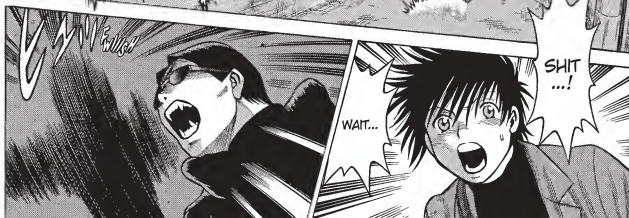
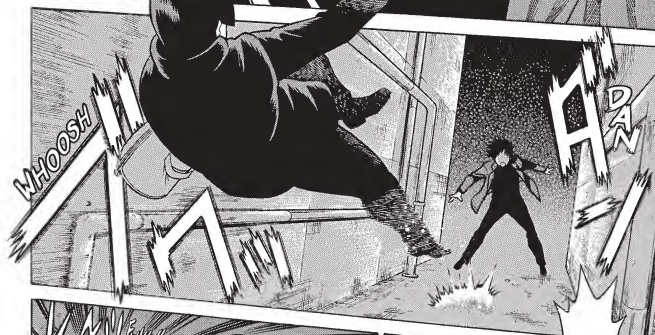


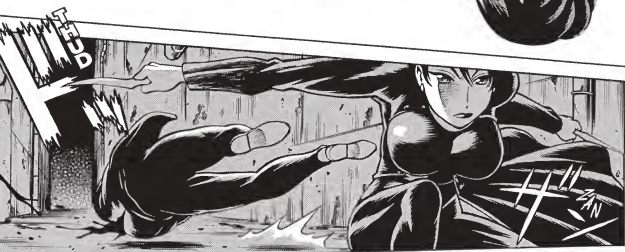
IT
SMELLS...
VAGUELY
FAMILIAR.

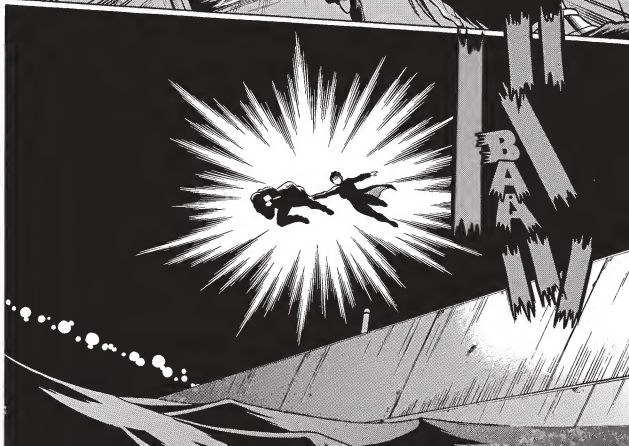
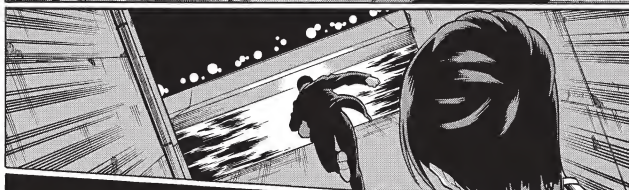
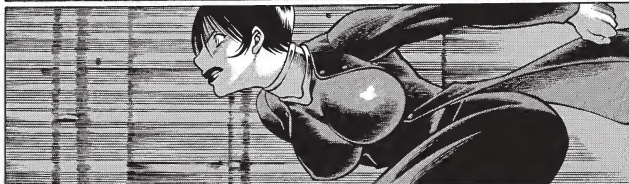
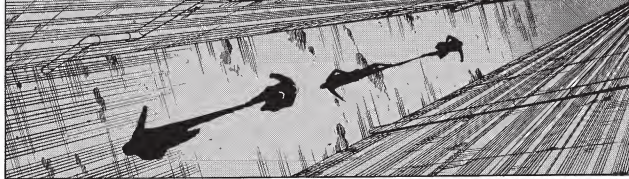
YEAH,
NIGHTS LIKE
TONIGHT ARE
JUST THE
BEST FOR
SNEAKING
AROUND,
HUH?

ISN'T IT
A GREAT
NIGHT?







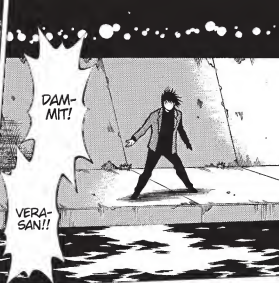
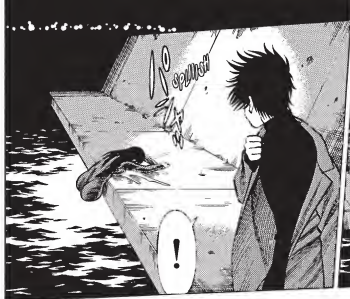


VERA-
SAN!

SHOOH

GNASH

ESCAPE



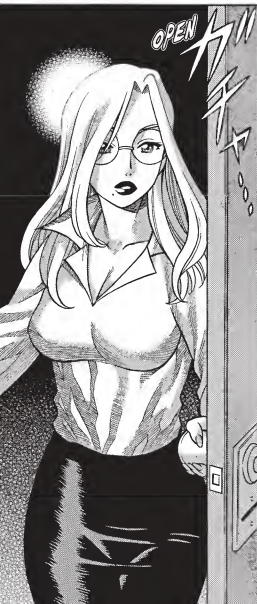


VERA-SAN...?

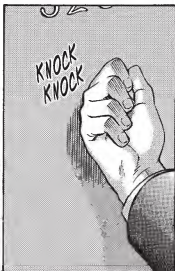


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

HOW COULD A VAMPIRE BE AFTER HIME-SAMA'S LIFE...?

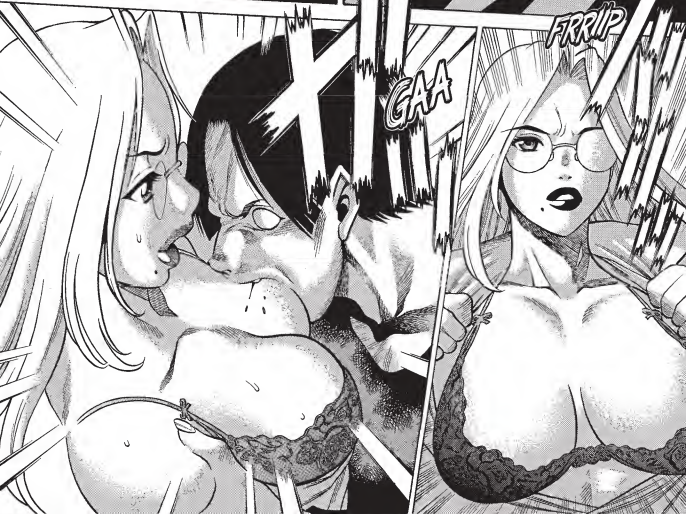
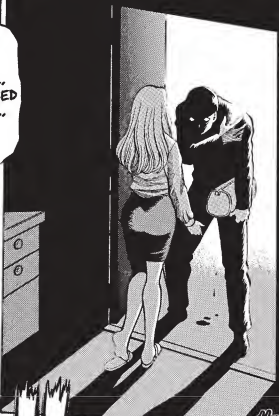
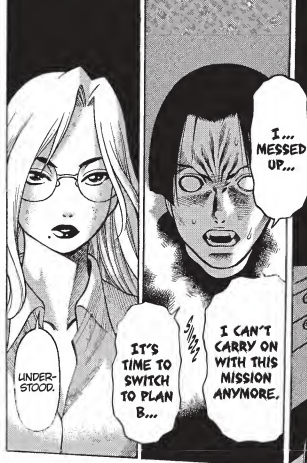


OPEN



KNOCK KNOCK







OH...
THANK
YOU.

DAD'S
SOLDIERS ARE
SCOURING THE
AREA DOWN BY
THE RIVER, BUT
THEY HAVEN'T
TURNED UP
ANYTHING YET.



VERA-
SAN, HERE,
USE
THIS.



HE
COULDN'T
HAVE
GOTTEN
VERY FAR.

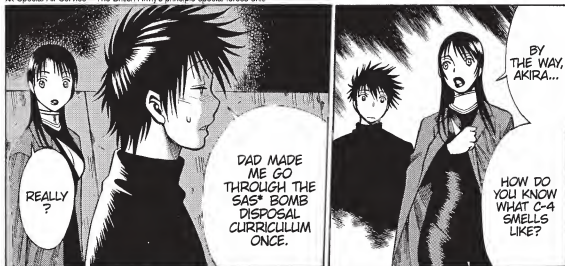
I
WOUNDED
HIM QUITE
BADLY.

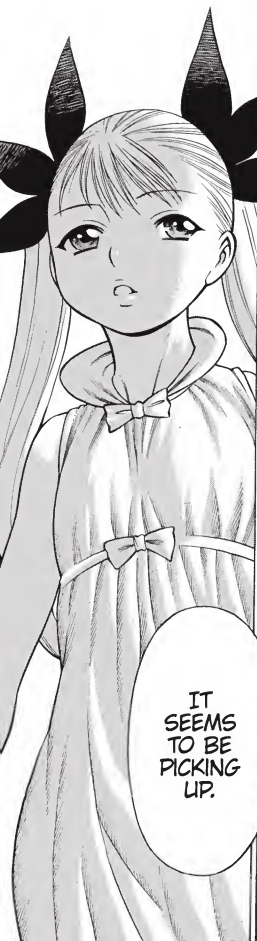


AGREED!

EITHER WAY,
WE SHOULD
HEAD BACK.
WE NEED TO
INTERRO-
GATE LORD
DERMAILLE!







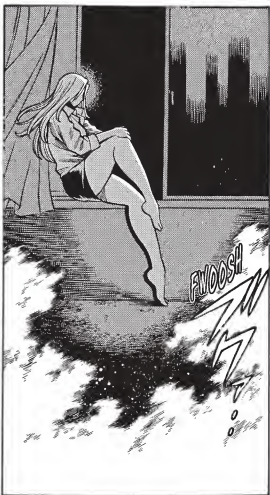
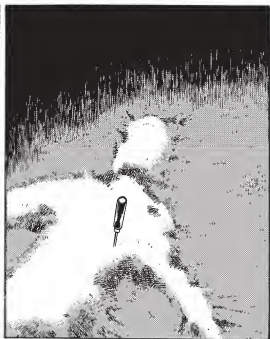
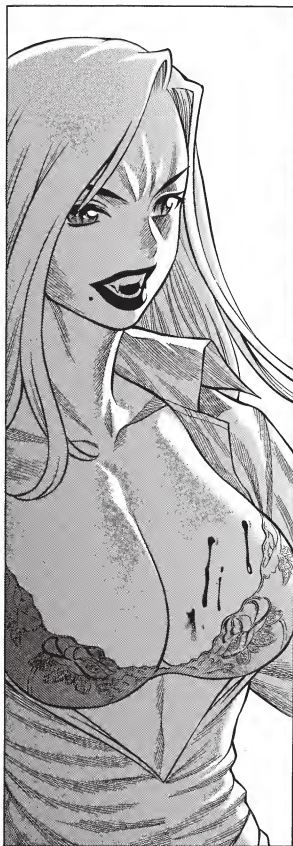
IT
SEEMS
TO BE
PICKING
UP.

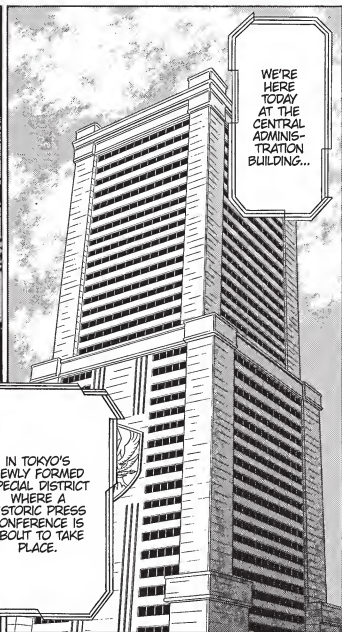
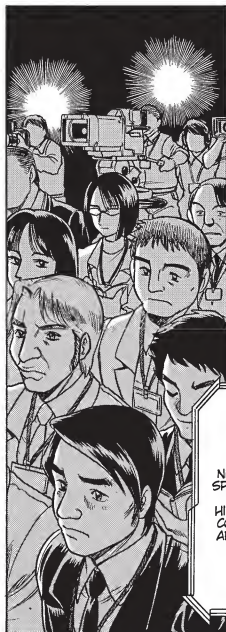


THE
WIND...



WE
BETTER
HURRY.





WE'RE
HERE
TODAY
AT THE
CENTRAL
ADMINIS-
TRATION
BUILDING...

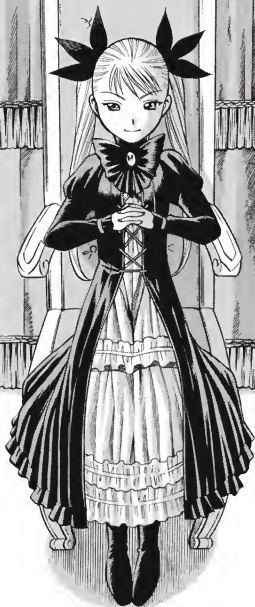
IN TOKYO'S
NEWLY FORMED
SPECIAL DISTRICT
WHERE A
HISTORIC PRESS
CONFERENCE IS
ABOUT TO TAKE
PLACE.

I'M
GLAD THAT
YOU ALL
ACCEPTED
MY INVITA-
TION TO
COME HERE
TODAY.

FLOOSH

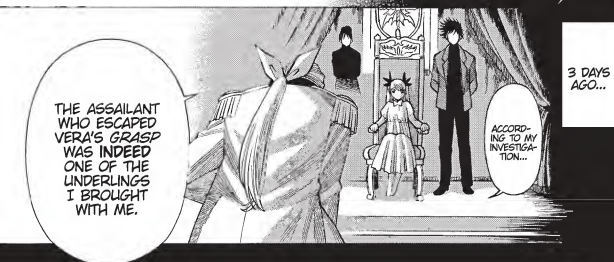
WHAT IS THIS
GIRL, WHO
CLAIMS TO BE
THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE
DISTRICT, GOING
TO TELL US?

Chapter 4: Interview with a Vampire



I PROMISE
TO ANSWER
ANY AND ALL
QUESTIONS
ASKED TO
THE BEST OF
MY ABILITY.

SO,
PLEASE,
LET US
BEGIN.





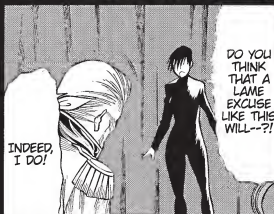
PRE-
CISELY.

SO YOU'RE
SAYING
YOU DON'T
KNOW
WHO HE
IS?



AND AS
OF YET, WE
STILL DO
NOT HAVE
A CLEAR
IDEA AS
TO HIS
IDENTITY.

HOWEVER,
HE WAS
A LAST-
MINUTE
FILL-IN...
WHAT YOU
WOULD
CALL
"FRESHLY
MADE."



INDEED,
I DO!

DO YOU
THINK
THAT A
LAME
EXCUSE
LIKE THIS
WILL--?!



WHAT ELSE
WOULD YOU
DO WITH
A BUNCH
OF PLASTIC
EXPLO-
SIVES?



IT
WAS
C-4.



WHILE IT IS
TRUE THAT
ALLOWING A
PERSON OF
UNCLEAR
ORIGINS TO
SERVE NEAR
HER ROYAL
HIGHNESS
WAS A
MISTAKE OF
MINE...

BUT IS IT
NOT SHORT-
SIGHTED OF
YOU TO TURN
AROUND AND
TAKE THAT
AS A SIGN
THAT I WILL
BETRAY HER
HIGHNESS?



QUIT
SPOUTING
NONSENSE,
YOU LITTLE
BRAT!

NOT ONE
VAMPIRE
WOULD WISH
TO DO HER
HIGHNESS
ANY HARM!!

UNDER-
STOOD?!
NOT A
SINGLE
ONE!!



IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU
ACTUALLY
SAW THE
EXPLO-
SIVES!

WHAT
PROOF
DOES
YOUR
"NOSE"
CONSTITUTE?!



JUNEAU,
YOU WILL
CONTINUE
HEADING UP
THE SECURITY
ARRANGE-
MENT.

THE CON-
FERENCE
WILL GO
AHEAD AS
PLANNED.

THAT'S
ENOUGH.



I
KNOW
WHAT
I'M
DOING.

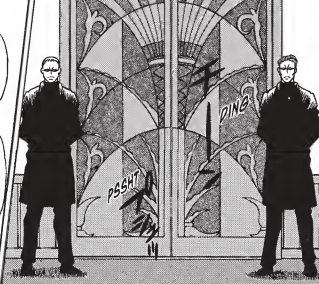
DON'T
YOU GET
IT?!
HE'S--

AS
YOU
WISH.

HME-
SAN!!



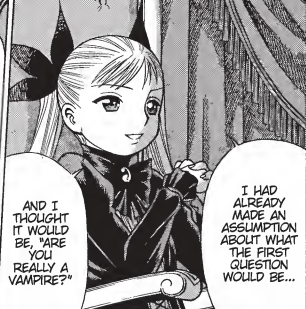






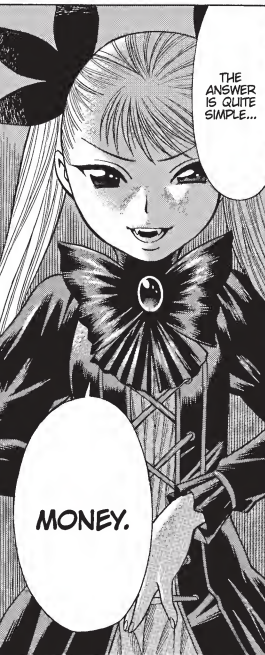
I GUESS
YOU DON'T
SEE ANY
POINT IN
ASKING...

AS YOU
AREN'T
GOING TO
BELIEVE
ANYTHING I
SAY, EITHER
WAY.



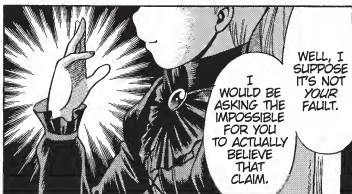
AND I
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE, "ARE
YOU
REALLY A
VAMPIRE?"

I HAD
ALREADY
MADE AN
ASSUMPTION
ABOUT WHAT
THE FIRST
QUESTION
WOULD BE...



THE
ANSWER
IS QUITE
SIMPLE...

MONEY.



WELL, I
SUPPOSE
IT'S NOT
YOUR
FAULT.

I
WOULD BE
ASKING THE
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR YOU TO
ACTUALLY
BELIEVE
THAT
CLAIM.



WHAT YOU
WANT TO
KNOW IS
HOW A LONE
FOREIGNER--
ON TOP OF
THAT, A GIRL,
SUCH AS I...

COULD POSSIBLY
NEGOTIATE WITH
THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT TO
GAIN THE RIGHTS
OF THIS LAND,
CORRECT?

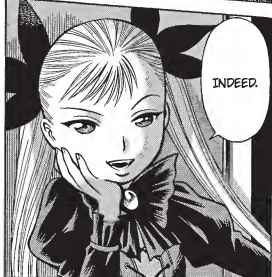


WAIT...
WAIT A
MINUTE!



IT'S TRUE
THAT OUR
COUNTRY'S
RECENT
ECONOMIC
TURNAROUND
HAS BEEN
REMARK-
ABLE...

BUT ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
THAT WAS ALL
THANKS TO
YOU PEOPLE?



INDEED.

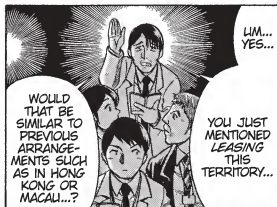


AS A
RESULT OF
THE ECONOMIC
BLINDERS
OF THE PREVIOUS
GOVERNMENT, YOUR
COUNTRY'S BUDGET
DEFICIT HAS
BALLOONED TO
1,000 TRILLION YEN
OR \$8.2 TRILLION
U.S. DOLLARS.

WE SIMPLY
PAID OFF
THAT ENTIRE
SUM.

ADDITIONALLY,
BY RELOCATING
SEVERAL OF OUR
CORPORATIONS
HERE...

WE CREATED
POTENTIAL FOR A
HUGE TAX REVENUE
WINDFALL FOR THE
FEDERAL AND STATE
GOVERNMENTS. THAT
IS WHAT WE PAID
TO LEASE THIS
TERRITORY.



WOULD THAT BE SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS IN HONG KONG OR MACAU...?

UM... YES...

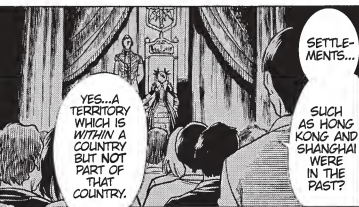
YOU JUST MENTIONED LEASING THIS TERRITORY...



I'M SURE THIS IS ALSO HARD TO BELIEVE...

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

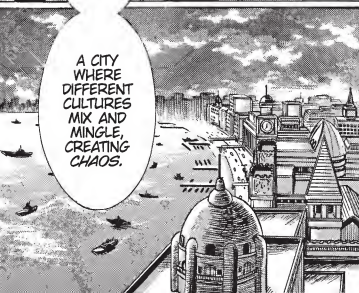
BUT DETAILED FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AFTER THIS PRESS CONFERENCE.



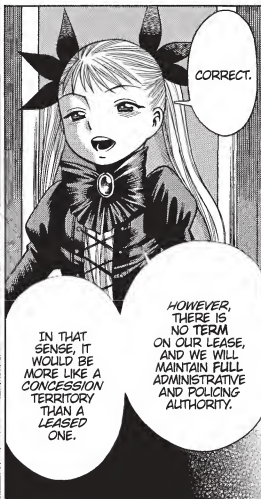
SETTLEMENTS...

YES...A TERRITORY WHICH IS WITHIN A COUNTRY BUT NOT PART OF THAT COUNTRY.

SUCH AS HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI WERE IN THE PAST?



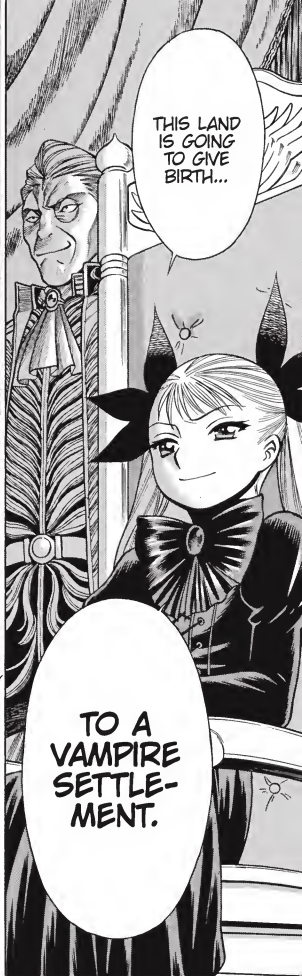
A CITY WHERE DIFFERENT CULTURES MIX AND MINGLE, CREATING CHAOS.



CORRECT.

IN THAT SENSE, IT WOULD BE MORE LIKE A CONCESSION TERRITORY THAN A LEASED ONE.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO TERM ON OUR LEASE, AND WE WILL MAINTAIN FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICING AUTHORITY.





DID YOU
CHECK
TO SEE
WHETHER
OR NOT
THEY
WERE
HUMAN
?!



DID YOU
CHECK
ALL OF
THE
MEM-
BERS
OF THE
PRESS
?!

OF COURSE
WE DID! NOT
ONLY DID WE
CONDUCT
BODY CHECKS,
WE DID
THOROUGH
CHECKS OF
ALL THEIR
EQUIPMENT
AS WELL!!



WHAT?



WHY
WOULD
I?!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
THEY WOULD
DO: GO
AFTER HER
HIGHNESS'S
LIFE?

SO WHAT
IF THERE
WAS A
VAMPIRE
IN THEIR
MIDST?



AKIRA-
SAN,
WHAT'S
WRONG
?!



DAMN
IT!



I SAID,
DID YOU
CHECK TO
MAKE SURE
THAT THERE
WEREN'T ANY
VAMPIRES
MIXED IN
WITH
THEM?!



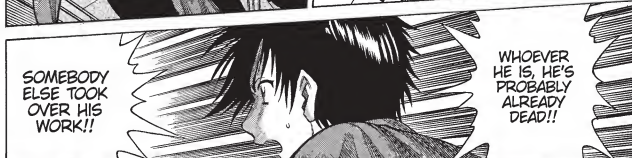
WELL,
THEY
WERE
TURNED
SOME-
HOW!!

BUT
WHEN WE
CONDUCTED
CHECKS UPON
THEIR
ARRIVAL ON
THIS ISLAND,
THEY WERE
ALL
HUMAN....!



I
SMELLED
IT!

SOMEBODY
IN THE PRESS
CORPS WAS
WEARING
LIGHT-
BLOCKING
GEL!



SOMEBODY
ELSE TOOK
OVER HIS
WORK!!

WHOEVER
HE IS, HE'S
PROBABLY
ALREADY
DEAD!!



BUT WHY
WOULD THEY
NEED TO
BECOME A
VAMPIRE...?!



THEN
WHERE
WOULD
YOU HIDE
SOME-
THING?!

YOU'RE A
VAMPIRE
TOO,
AREN'T
YOU?!



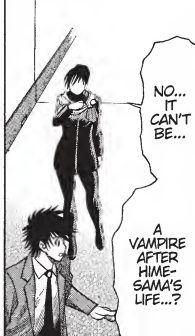
NO!
THAT'S
NOT
IT!!

WHAT I'M
SAYING IS
THAT...



COME
ON,
SNAP
OUT
OF IT!!

YOU
TOO,
VERA-
SAN?!



NO...
IT
CAN'T
BE...

A
VAMPIRE
AFTER
HIME-
SAMA'S
LIFE...?



FOR US
VAMPIRES,
HIME-SAMA'S
DEATH IS
LIKE THE
DEATH
OF OUR
ENTIRE
RACE...!



AKIRA,
IT'S ME.

WE
FOUND
IT.

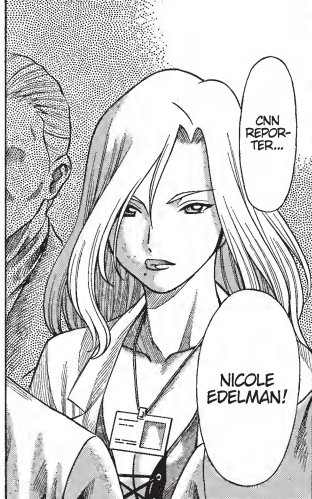


!



!

WHAT
DOES
THAT...



CNN
REPORTER...

NICOLE
EDELMAN!

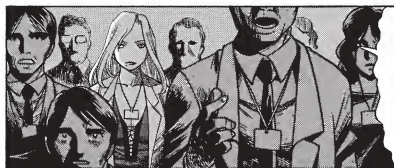


WE'VE HAD
LARGE
LUMINOL
REACTIONS
IN ONE OF
THE PRESS
CORPS
MEMBER'S
ROOMS...

ALONG
WITH
WHAT
LOOKS
TO BE
INTERNAL
ORGANS
THAT
WERE
REMOVED.



WHO
IS IT?!

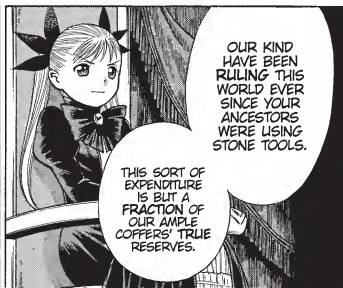


PARDON ME, BUT I
CAN'T BELIEVE YOU
WOULD HAVE THE
FINANCIAL BACKING TO
PAY OFF A 1,000
TRILLION YEN DEBT!
IT JUST SEEMS
HIGHLY UNLIKELY!



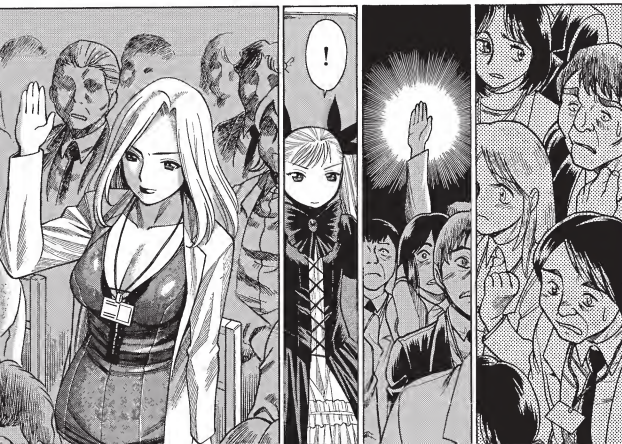
YES, ALL
OF THIS
ASSUMES
THAT YOU
REALLY
ARE A
VAMPIRE!

SO WE
END UP
BACK AT
YOUR
POINT...



OUR KIND
HAVE BEEN
RULING THIS
WORLD EVER
SINCE YOUR
ANCESTORS
WERE USING
STONE TOOLS.

THIS SORT OF
EXPENDITURE
IS BUT A
FRACTION OF
OUR AMPLE
COFFERS' TRUE
RESERVES.





DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH!

HMPH.



IF YOU
REALLY ARE
THE RULER
OF VAMPIRES,
THEN OF
COURSE.

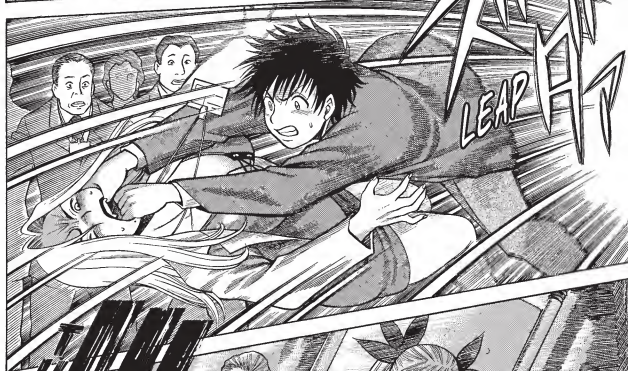
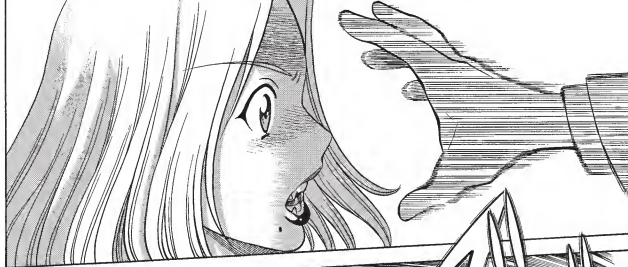


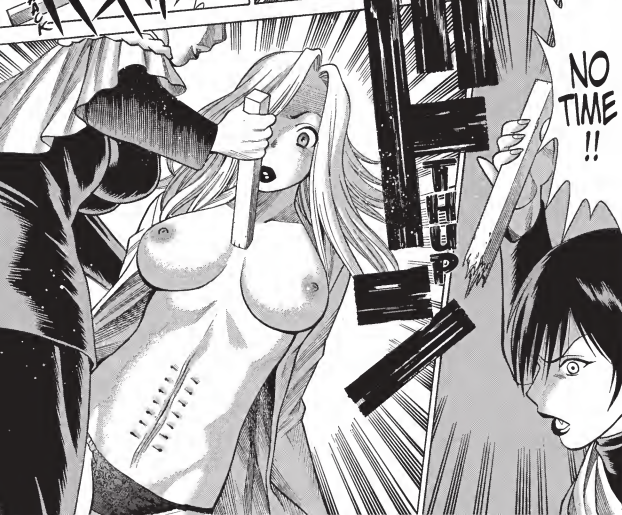
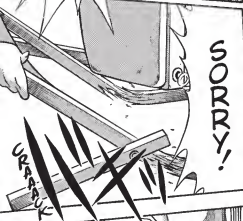
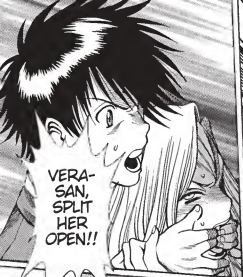
A VOLUNTEER.
SO YOU ARE
SAYING THAT
YOU WISH
FOR ME TO
DRINK FROM
YOU?



THERE'S NO
NEED FOR ME
TO ACTUALLY
DRINK YOUR
BLOOD.









I CAN'T
DISARM A
BOMB!!

I WENT
THROUGH
THE
TRAINING
PROGRAM
FOR
DOGS!!

WHAT?



YOU
UNDERWENT
BOMB
DISPOSAL
TRAINING
AT THE
SAS...

HUIH
?



AKIRA-
SAN, YOU
HAVE TO
DISARM
IT!

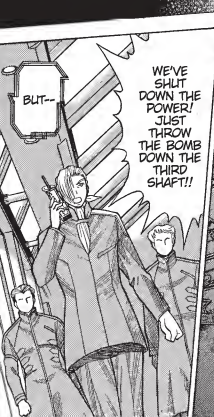
THERE
IT IS...

SHIT, IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN
ACTIVATED!



LOOK AT THE
AMOUNT OF
EXPLOSIVES.
THERE'S NO
WAY WE
COULD
OUTRUN IT.

P...
PRINCESS,
PLEASE
COME WITH
ME! WE
MUST
EVACUATE
THIS
ROOM!!



BUT--

WE'VE
SHUT
DOWN THE
POWER!
JUST
THROW
THE BOMB
DOWN THE
THIRD
SHAFT!!



AKIRA,
GET
TO THE
ELEVATOR
SHAFT!



SHIT...
THERE'S
NOT
ENOUGH
TIME...



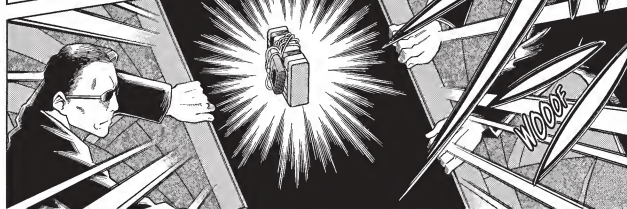
DAMN...

THE
UNDER-
GROUND
AREA WILL
BE FINE!
**JUST
DO IT!!**

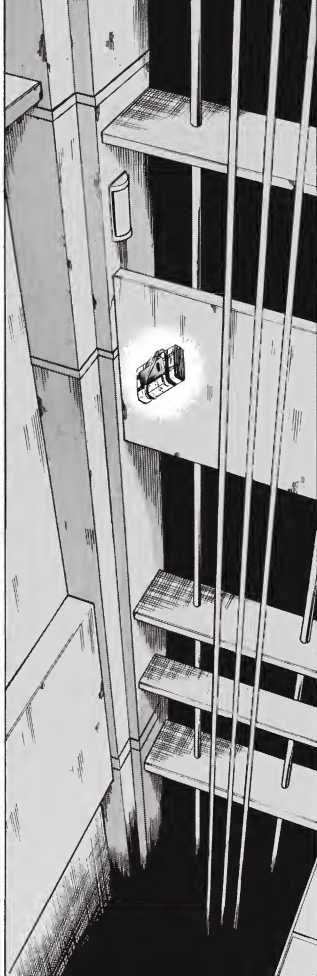
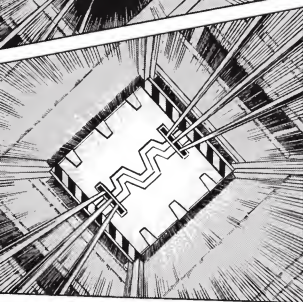
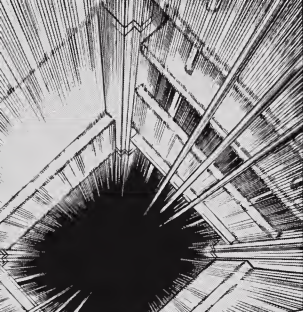


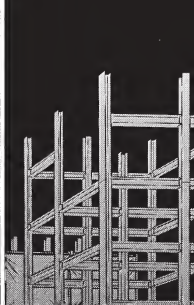
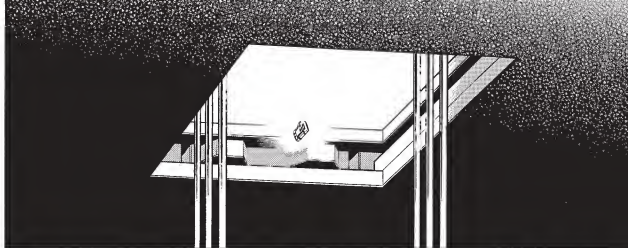
GET
THOSE
DOORS
OPEN!!

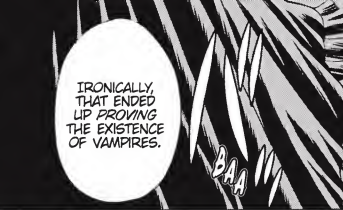
DASH
FALL



woof







IRONICALLY,
THAT ENDED
UP PROVING
THE EXISTENCE
OF VAMPIRES.

HEE
HEE...

MEMBERS
OF THE
PRESS,
THIS IS
OUR
WORLD.

WE LIVE
IN THE
DARKNESS,
AND BLOOD
AND DEATH
RULE OVER
EVERY-
THING.

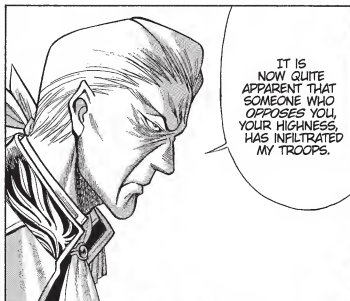
AND
THAT IS
ALL I
HAVE TO
SAY.

PLEASE
GO BACK
TO YOUR
OWN
WORLD
NOW.

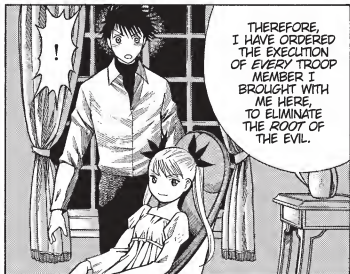
THAT IS...
AS LONG
AS YOU
STAY GOOD
NEIGHBORS.

BUT
DON'T
WORRY.

AS LONG
AS YOU
STAY GOOD
NEIGHBORS,
WE WILL
NEVER BE
A THREAT
TO YOU.



IT IS
NOW QUITE
APPARENT THAT
SOMEONE WHO
OPPOSES YOU,
YOUR HIGHNESS,
HAS INFILTRATED
MY TROOPS.



! THEREFORE,
I HAVE ORDERED
THE EXECUTION
OF EVERY TROOP
MEMBER I
BROUGHT WITH
ME HERE,
TO ELIMINATE
THE ROOT OF
THE EVIL.



WELL,
JUNEAU...

IF YOU HAVE
ANYTHING TO
SAY, LET'S
HEAR IT.



YOU
MAY GO
NOW.

VERY
WELL.



PLEASE
ACCEPT THIS
AS PROOF OF
MY LOYALTY
TO YOU, YOUR
HIGHNESS.



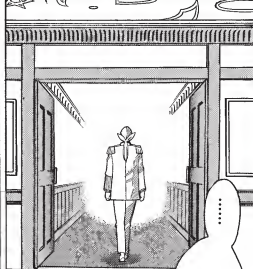
BUT
HE'S A
PETTY
MAN.

HE WOULDN'T
HAVE THE GUTS
TO KILL ME
AND END ALL
OF VAMPIRE
HISTORY.

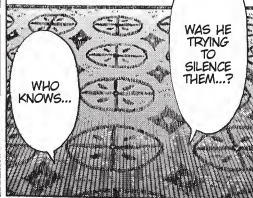


THINGS ARE
GETTING
INTEREST-
ING.

SO IT'S A
VAMPIRE
AFTER
ME, HUH?



....



WHO
KNOWS...

WAS HE
TRYING
TO
SILENCE
THEM....?



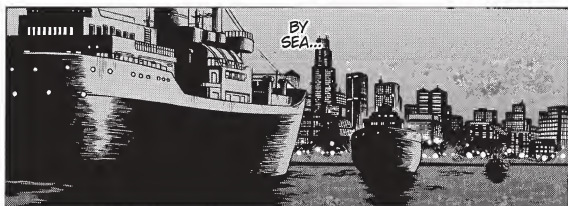
DID YOU
DO THAT ON
PURPOSE,
SO THAT...?



BUT NOW,
JUNEAU WILL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO STICK
HIS NOSE INTO
YOUR AFFAIRS.

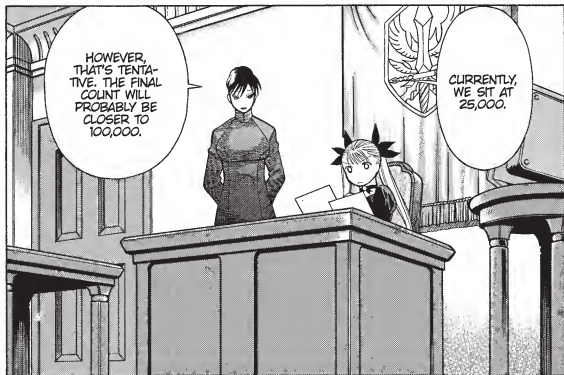
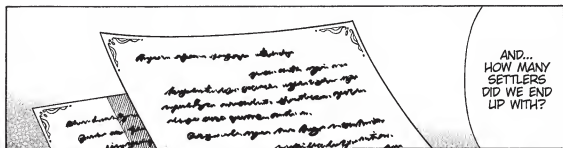
MAKE
SURE YOU
WORK EVEN
HARDER
FROM
NOW ON.

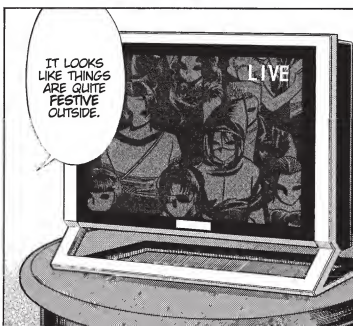
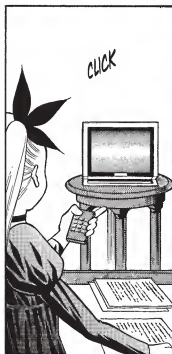


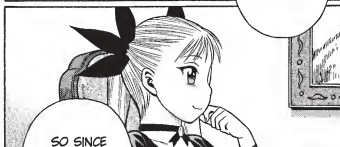
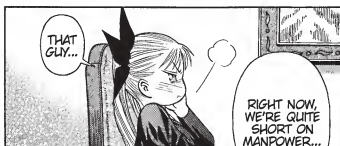
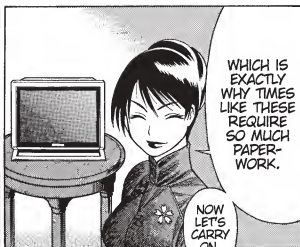
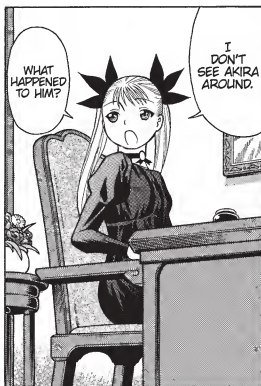


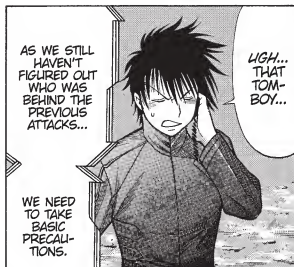


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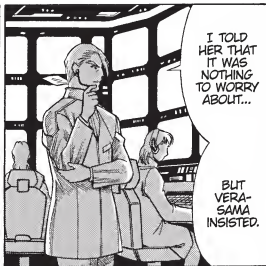




AS WE STILL
HAVEN'T
FIGURED OUT
WHO WAS
BEHIND THE
PREVIOUS
ATTACKS...

UGH...
THAT
TOM-
BOY...

WE NEED
TO TAKE
BASIC
PRECAU-
TIONS.



I TOLD
HER THAT
IT WAS
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT...

BUT
VERA-
SAMA
INSISTED.



BUT I'M
BUSY
HERE...!

WHAT
?!

I SHALL
LEAVE IT
UP TO YOU
TO FIND
HER ROYAL
HIGHNESS.



UH...
EXCUSE
ME...



ARRGH!

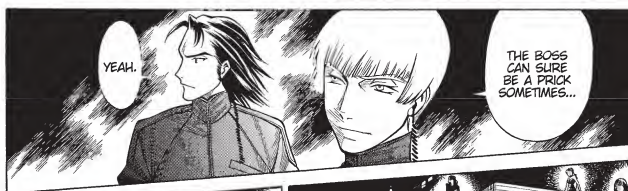
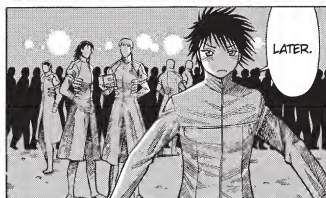
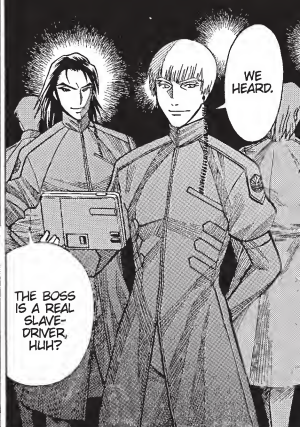
SHIFT



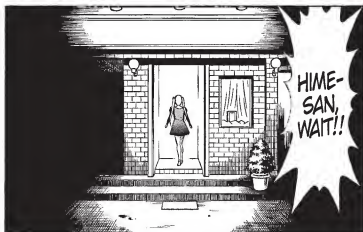
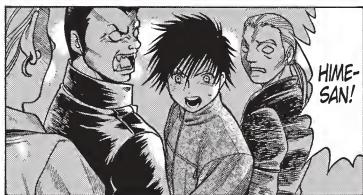
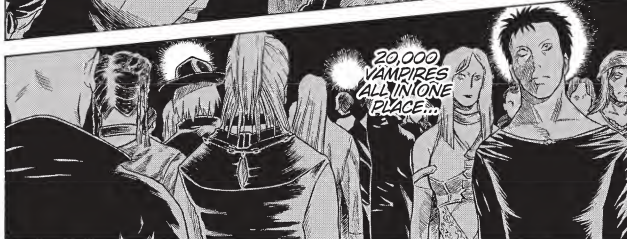
BESIDES,
YOU ARE
CURRENTLY
THE LEAST
USEFUL PERSON
HERE. WOLF-
GANG OUT.

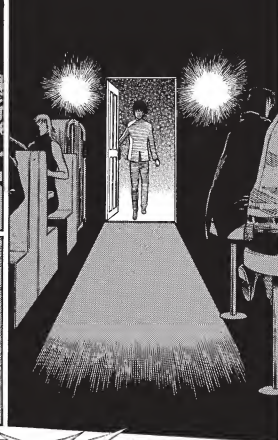
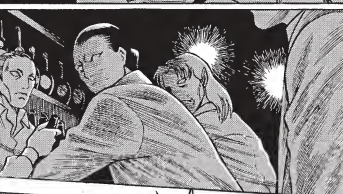
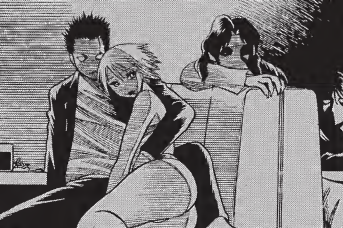
YOU
ARE HER
HIGHNESS'S
SERVANT,
AREN'T
YOU?

WHA?!
DAD...
H-HEY!!

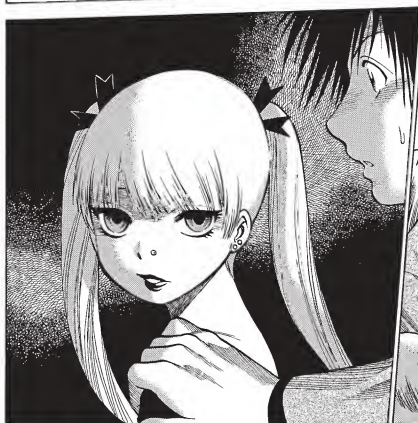


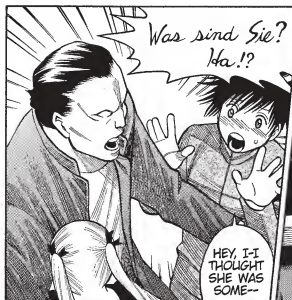


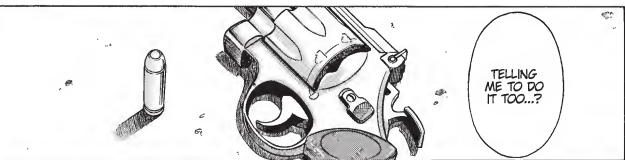
















I'LL
PLAY
YOUR
GAME
IF YOU
REALLY
WANT
ME TO!!



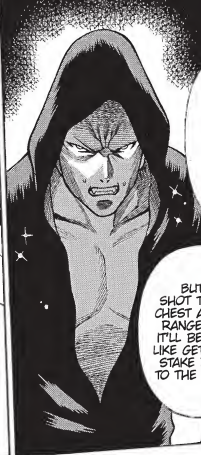
I'M
AIMING
HERE!!

BUT!

SHINK

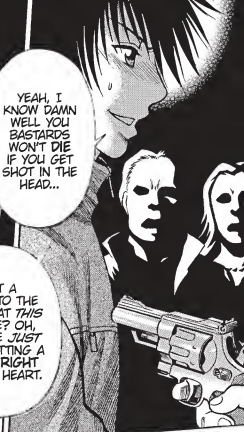


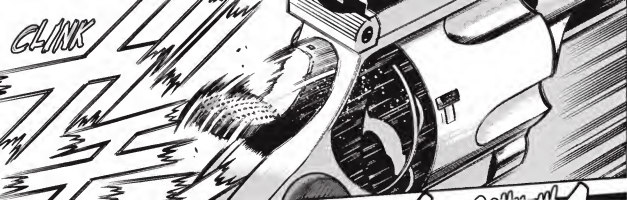
WELL,
HERE
GOES...



YEAH, I
KNOW DAMN
WELL YOU
BASTARDS
WON'T DIE
IF YOU GET
SHOT IN THE
HEAD...

BUT A
SHOT TO THE
CHEST AT THIS
RANGE? OH,
IT'LL BE *JUST*
LIKE GETTING A
STAKE RIGHT
TO THE HEART.





SAY,
"THERE'S
ONE
ROUND"!!

SAY
IT.





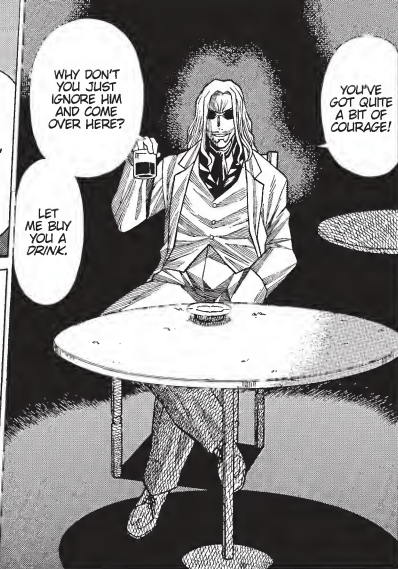


SORRY,
OLD MAN,
STILL A
MINOR.



ONE
GLASS,
PLEASE.

WHAT'S
THAT
MATTER?
FERRIER
IS THE
ONLY THING
THEY HAVE
BESIDES
BLOOD.



WHY DON'T
YOU JUST
IGNORE HIM
AND COME
OVER HERE?

YOU'VE
GOT QUITE
A BIT OF
COURAGE!

LET
ME BUY
YOU A
DRINK.



REMARK-
ABLE.

IT WOULD
SEEM YOUR
VISION
IS EVEN
BETTER
THAN THE
RUMORS
SAY.



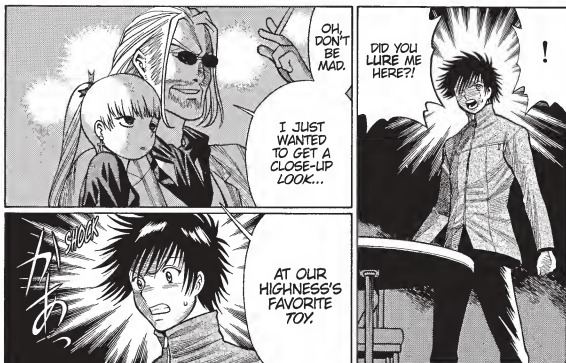
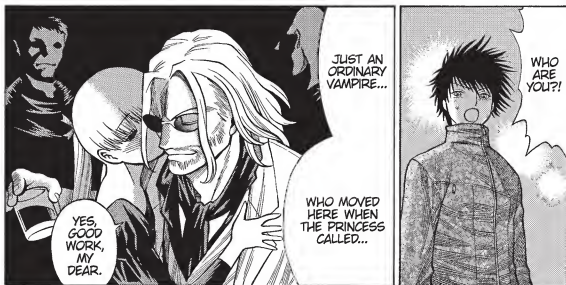
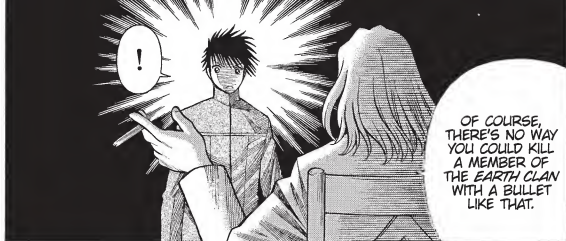
I JUST
SPUN THE
CYLINDER
TO WHERE IT
WOULDN'T
FIRE.

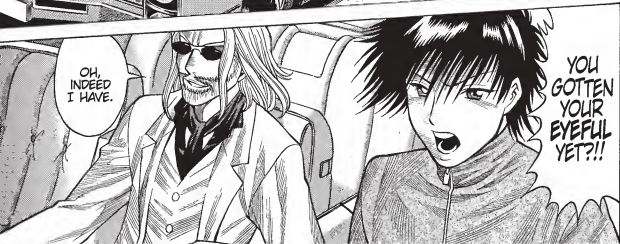
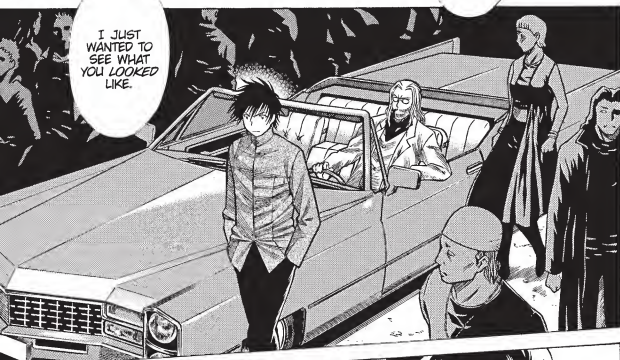
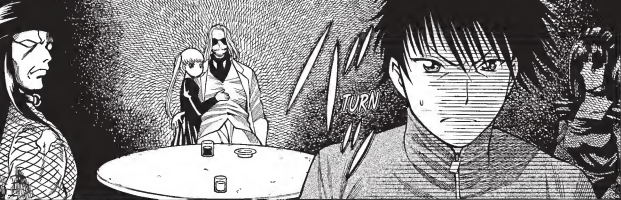
IT'S ALL
ABOUT
TIMING.



HOW
DID YOU
KNOW
THAT THE
ROUND
WOULDN'T
FIRE?

NOW,
TELL
ME...







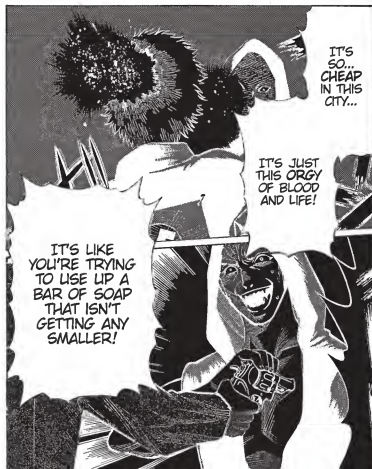
THAT'S
NOT EASY
TO DO
WHEN
YOU'RE
YOUNG.

BUT
WHAT I LIKE
MOST IS THE
FORTITUDE
YOU SHOWED
IN A BAD
SITUATION.

YOU ARE
QUITE THE
LOOKER,
AND IT
SEEMS
YOU HAVE
RAW
TALENT
TOO.



YEAH,
WELL,
I WAS
PISSED
OFF.



IT'S
SO...
CHEAP
IN THIS
CITY...

IT'S JUST
THIS ORGY
OF BLOOD
AND LIFE!

IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE TRYING
TO USE UP A
BAR OF SOAP
THAT ISN'T
GETTING ANY
SMALLER!



I'VE SPENT
THE LAST
FEW DAYS
AROUND
NOTHING
BUT
VAMPIRES,
AND I'M
SICK OF
HOW YOU
ACT!!

WHAT
DOES
ETERNAL
LIFE MEAN
TO YOU
GUYS
ANYWAY?!



THAT'S
WHAT
VAMPIRES
ARE LIKE.

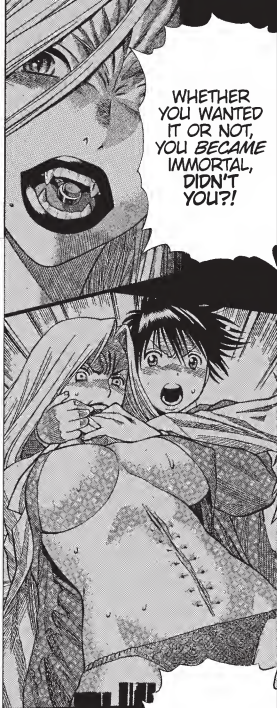


AND
DEVOUR
EVERY-
THING IN
SIGHT.

WE
STAMPEDE
LIKE CRAZED
STALLIONS,
FUELLED BY
OUR LUST
AND
DESIRES...



ETERNAL
LIFE, TOO,
IS JUST
A FUEL,
AFTER ALL.



WHETHER
YOU WANTED
IT OR NOT,
YOU BECAME
IMMORTAL,
DIDN'T
YOU?!

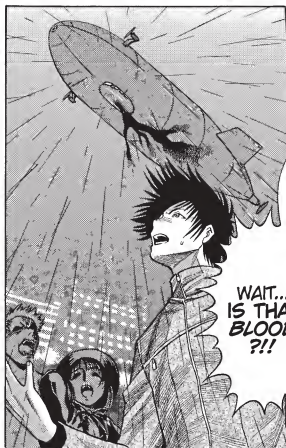


DON'T
YOU THINK
THAT'S A
WASTE?!

HOW CAN
YOU JUST
THROW IT
AWAY SO
EASILY?!



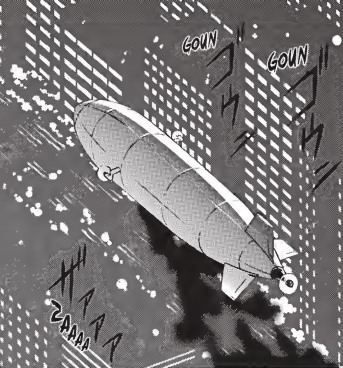
DON'T FORGET...



BLACK RAIN ...?

WAIT... IS THAT BLOOD ?!!





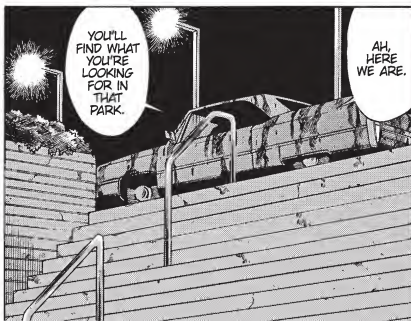


WHY
DO YOU
THINK THE
PRINCESS
BUILT THIS
ISLAND?

NOW,
TELL ME,
BOY...



WHY
WERE WE
GATHERED
HERE?



YOU'LL
FIND WHAT
YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR IN
THAT
PARK.

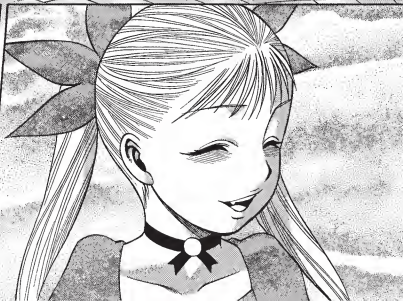
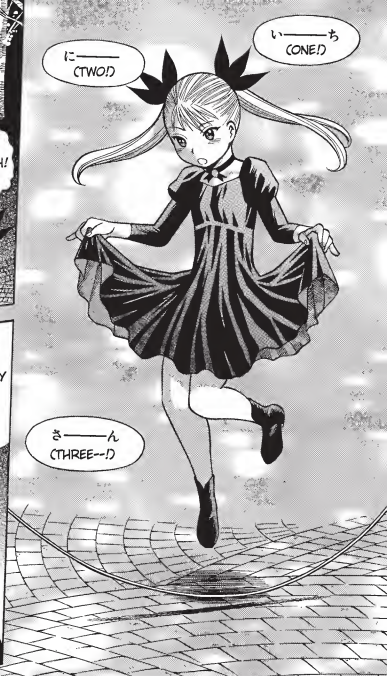
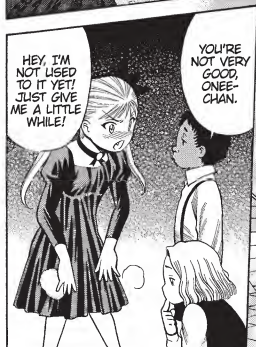
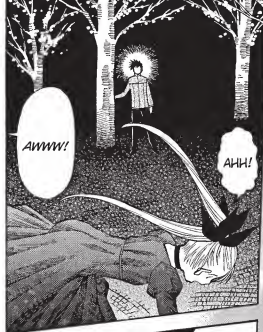
AH,
HERE
WE ARE.

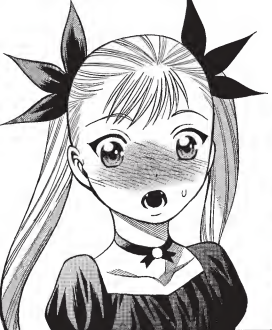


PERSON-
ALLY, I
DON'T MIND
CRAZY
PARTYING...

BUT
I CAN'T
STAND
HOW MUCH
I HAVE
TO WASH
MY CAR.







HEY.

BEEN
LOOKING
FOR YA.



LIH,
ONEE-
CHAN?



HEY, A
JUMP ROPE!
I HAVEN'T
SEEN ONE
OF THOSE
IN AGES!!

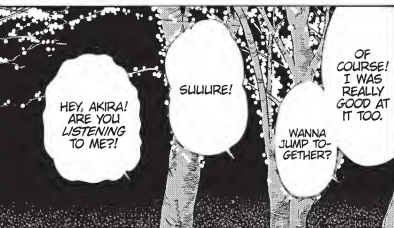
ONII-
CHAN,
CAN YOU
JUMP
ROPE?

TH...THESE
CHILDREN SAID
THEY WERE
SEPARATED
FROM THEIR
PARENTS, SO I
WAS KEEPING
THEM COMPANY!



H...HOW
LONG
WERE YOU
WATCHING?!

SINCE
JUST
BEFORE
THE PART
WHERE
YOU
TRIPPED.

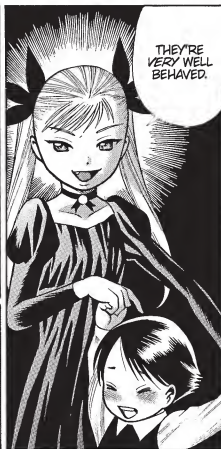


HEY, AKIRA!
ARE YOU
LISTENING
TO ME?!

SURE!

OF
COURSE!
I WAS
REALLY
GOOD AT
IT TOO.

WANNA
JUMP TO-
GETHER?





SURE!



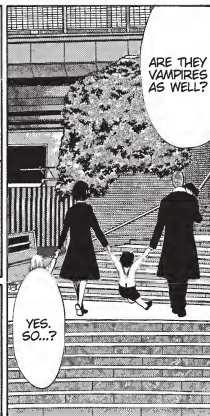
LET'S
PLAY
AGAIN
SOME-
TIME.



IT'S JUST THAT
THEY WERE SO
DIFFERENT FROM
THE OTHERS...IT'S
ALMOST LIKE
THEY WERE--



LIKE
THEY
WERE...
HUMAN?



ARE THEY
VAMPIRES
AS WELL?

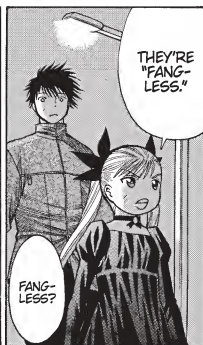
YES.
SO...?



THEY
REGRET
BECOMING
VAMPIRES
AND TRY
NOT TO
LOSE THEIR
HUMAN
SPIRIT...

THERE
ARE A
LOT LIKE
THEM,
ACTUALLY.

YES,
VAMPIRES
WHO HAVE
PULLED THEIR
OWN FANGS
OUT AND
REFUSE TO
DRINK
HUMAN
BLOOD.



THEY'RE
"FANG-
LESS."

FANG-
LESS?



THEY
WERE
FORCED
TO LEAD
A LIFE OF
EXILE.

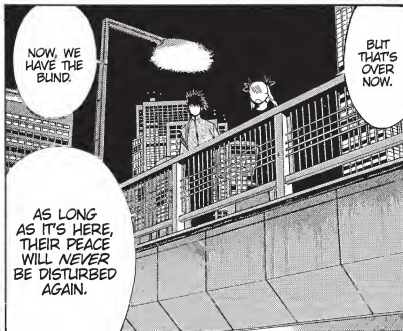
AND IT'S
BECAUSE
OF THIS,
THEY WERE
PERSECUTED
NOT ONLY
BY HUMANS
BUT OTHER
VAMPIRES
AS WELL.



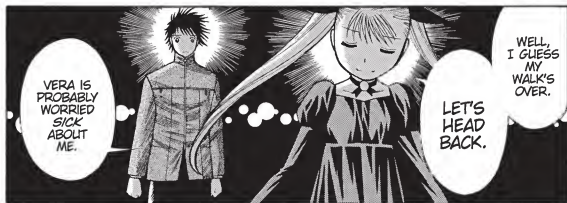
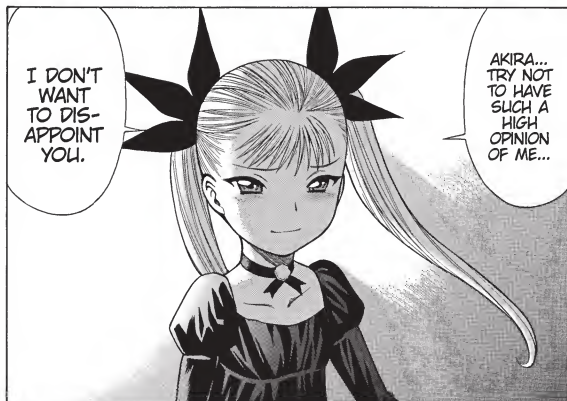
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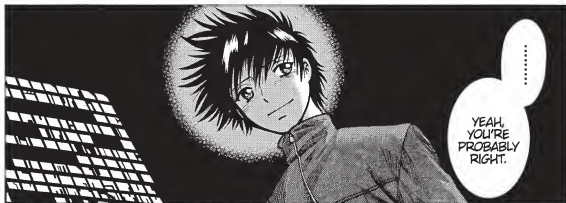
NOW, WE
HAVE THE
BLIND.

AS LONG
AS IT'S HERE,
THEIR PEACE
WILL NEVER
BE DISTURBED
AGAIN.



BUT
THAT'S
OVER
NOW.





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AND ON THAT
DAY, I SWORE
MY ETERNAL
LOYALTY TO THAT
BEAUTIFUL GIRL
IN A GROGGY
SLUMBER.

IT WAS
SEVEN YEARS
AGO THAT I
MET HER...

NEVER
REALIZING,
IN MY YOUTH-
FULNESS,
THE DARK
DESTINY THAT
LAY BEFORE
HER.

BUT THE
INSIDE AS
WELL.

SORT
OF...

I'VE
CHANGED...

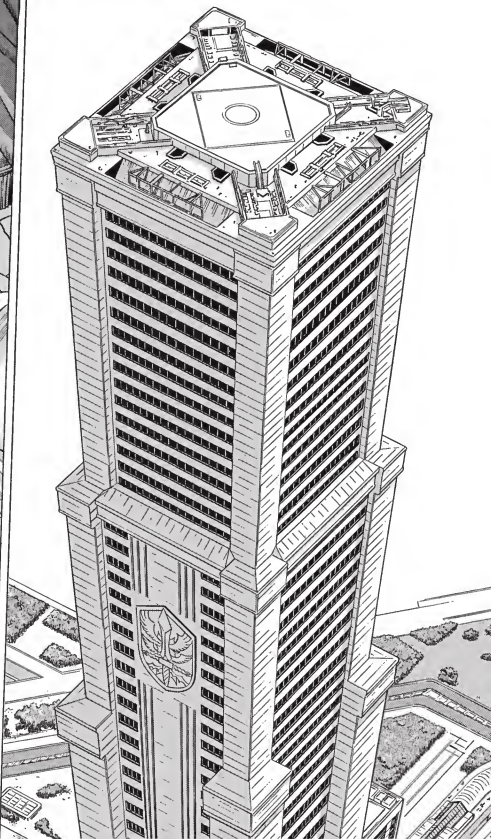
AND
NOT ONLY
ON THE
OUTSIDE...

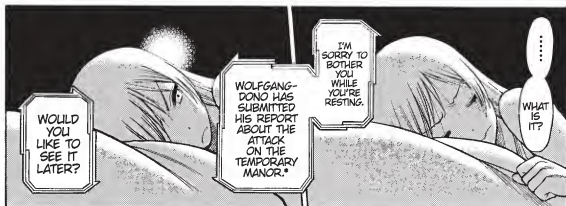
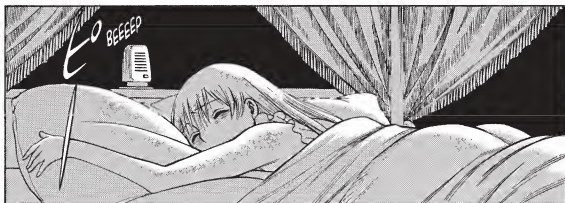
BUT...

NOW... I'M
HERE TO
KEEP THAT
PROMISE...

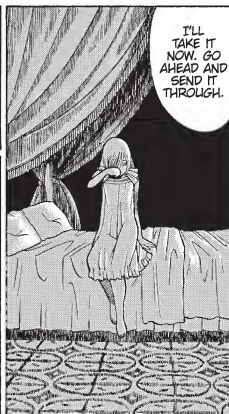
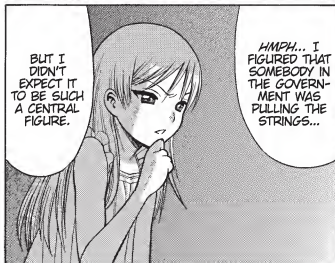
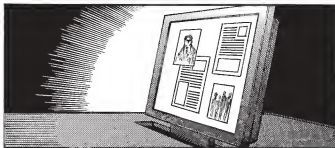
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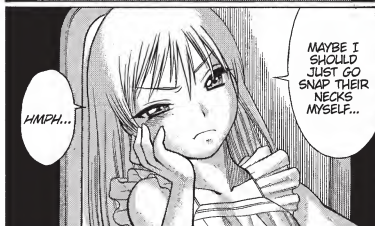
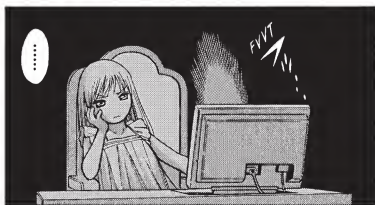
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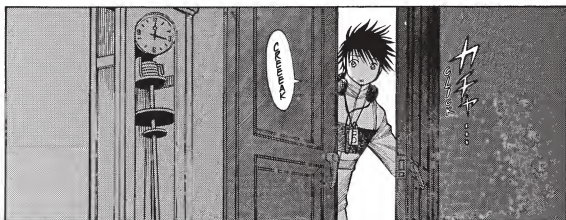
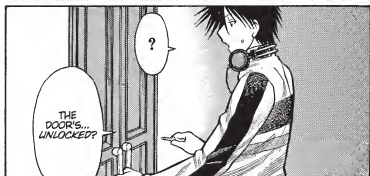
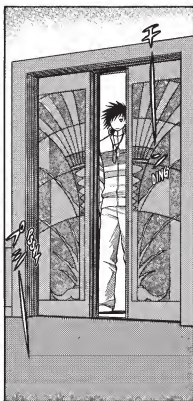
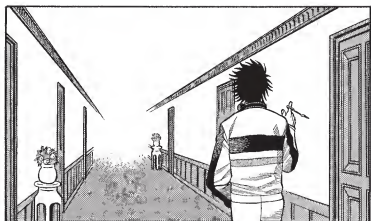
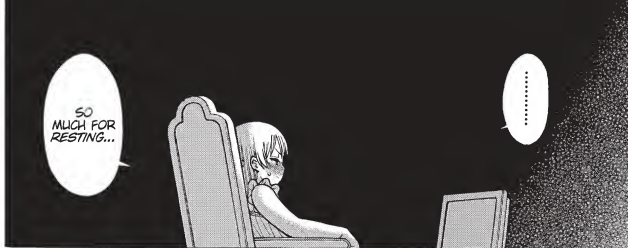


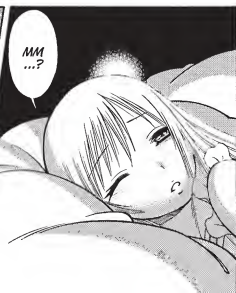


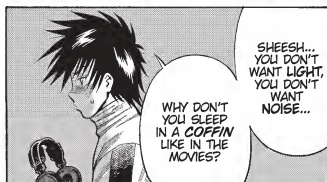
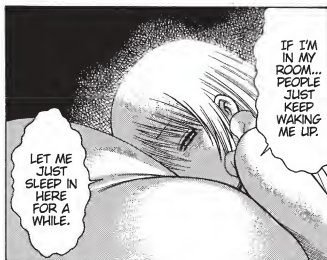
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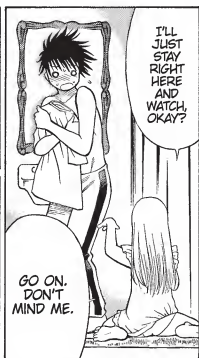
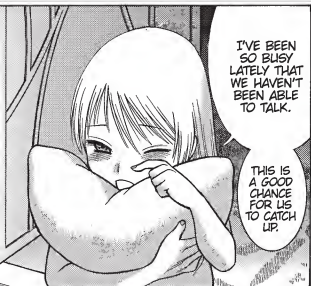


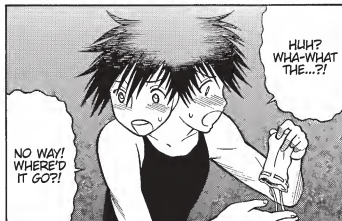




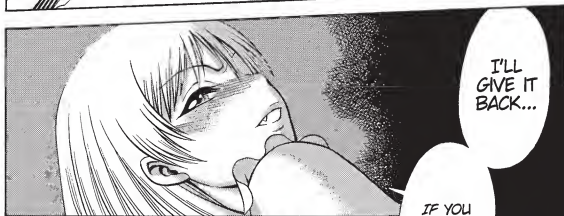
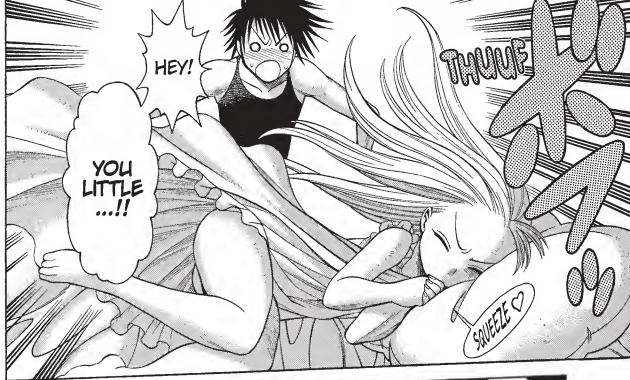












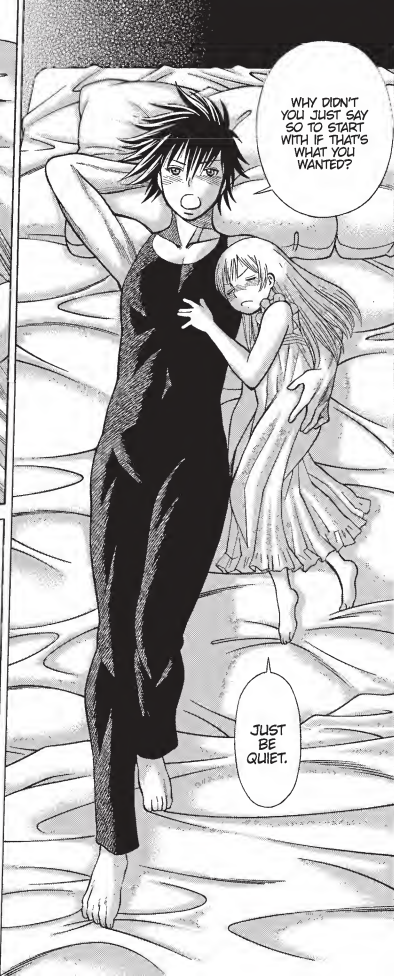


WEREN'T
YOU
GOING TO
SLEEP?



DO YOU
REMEM-
BER...?

THE LAST
TIME WE MET,
WE SLEPT
TOGETHER
JUST LIKE
THIS.



WHY DIDN'T
YOU JUST SAY
SO TO START
WITH IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU
WANTED?

JUST
BE
QUIET.

I'LL
ALWAYS
BE BY
YOUR
SIDE...

OF
COURSE I
REMEMBER...



I WAS SAD
WHEN I
WOKE UP
AND YOU
WEREN'T
THERE.



YES.

THE
"SLEEP
OF THE
DEAD"?



I COULDN'T
HELP IT!
THAT'S HOW
VAMPIRES
SLEEP.

YOU
WOULDN'T
WAKE UP,
HIME-SAN.

And I was
about to
miss my
flight!



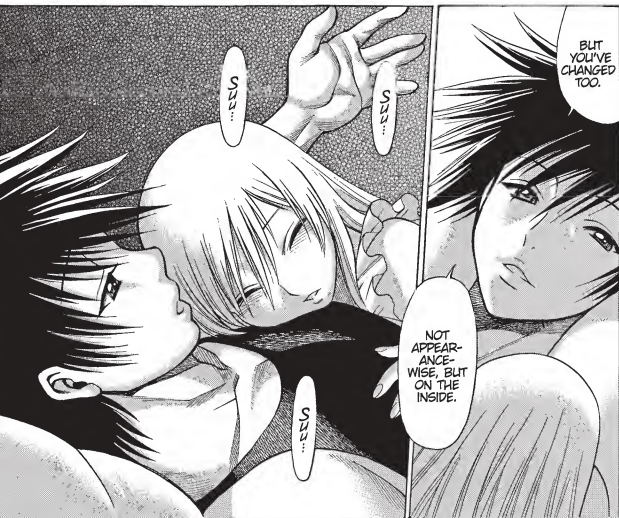


MY,
YOU'VE
GROWN.

YOU'RE SO
DIFFERENT.



I AM
TECHNI-
CALLY
HUMAN.



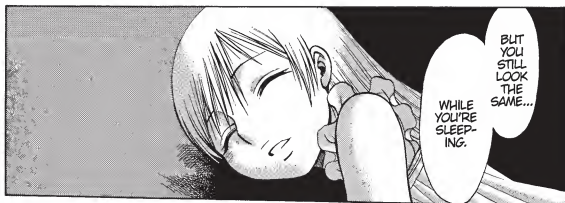
BUT
YOU'VE
CHANGED
TOO.

NOT
APPEAR-
ANCE-
WISE, BUT
ON THE
INSIDE.

SH...

SH...

SH...



WHILE
YOU'RE
SLEEP-
ING.

BUT
YOU
STILL
LOOK
THE
SAME...



I'LL NEVER
FORGET THAT
FLEETING,
BEAUTIFUL
SMILE OF
HERS.

AKIRA...WILL
YOU STAY
WITH ME
FOREVER...?

IT'S
BEEN
SEVEN
YEARS
SINCE
THAT DAY...



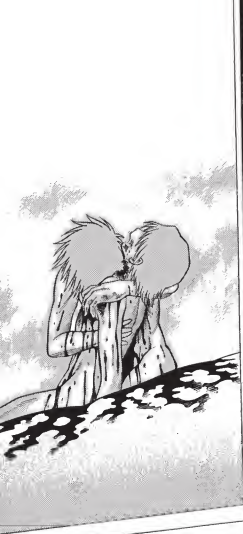
EVEN
WITH MY
CHILDISH,
ONE-TRACK
MIND.

THAT WAS
WHAT I
HONESTLY
FELT...

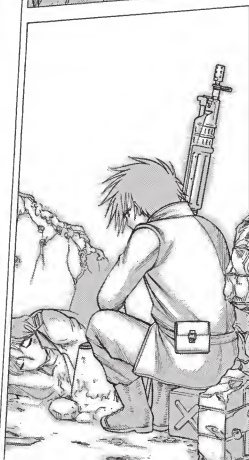
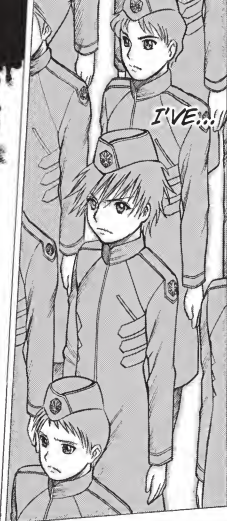
I WOULD DO
ANYTHING
IF IT MEANT
THAT I
COULD STAY
WITH HER.



BUT,
HIME-SAN...



I'VE...



AND...

I'VE
CHANGED
SO
MUCH.

I'VE
CHANGED.

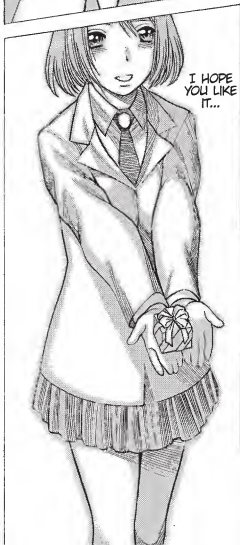


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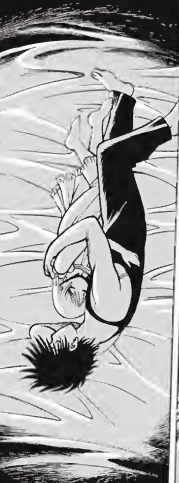
TODAY...
IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY,
RIGHT...?

I HOPE
YOU LIKE
IT...

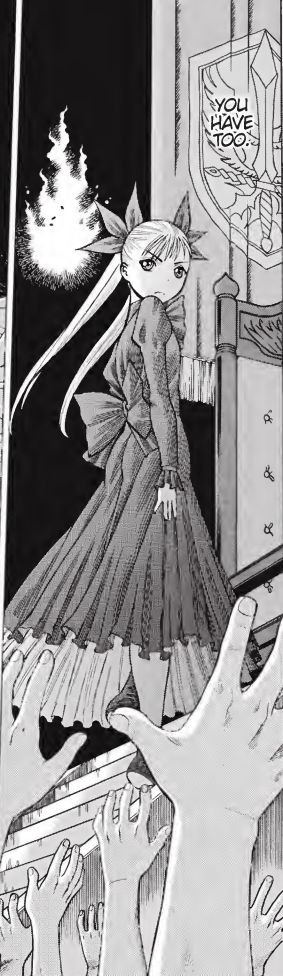
AKIRA-
KUN?



SEVEN YEARS
APART WAS
TOO LONG...



FAR TOO
LONG...

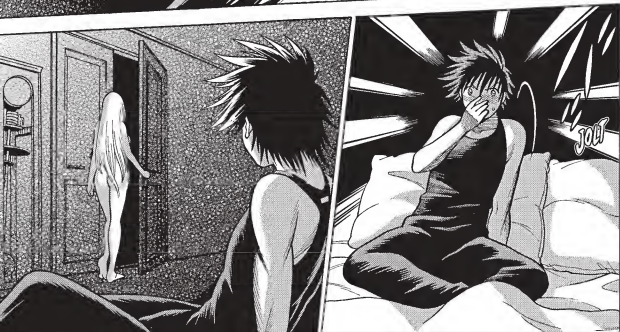


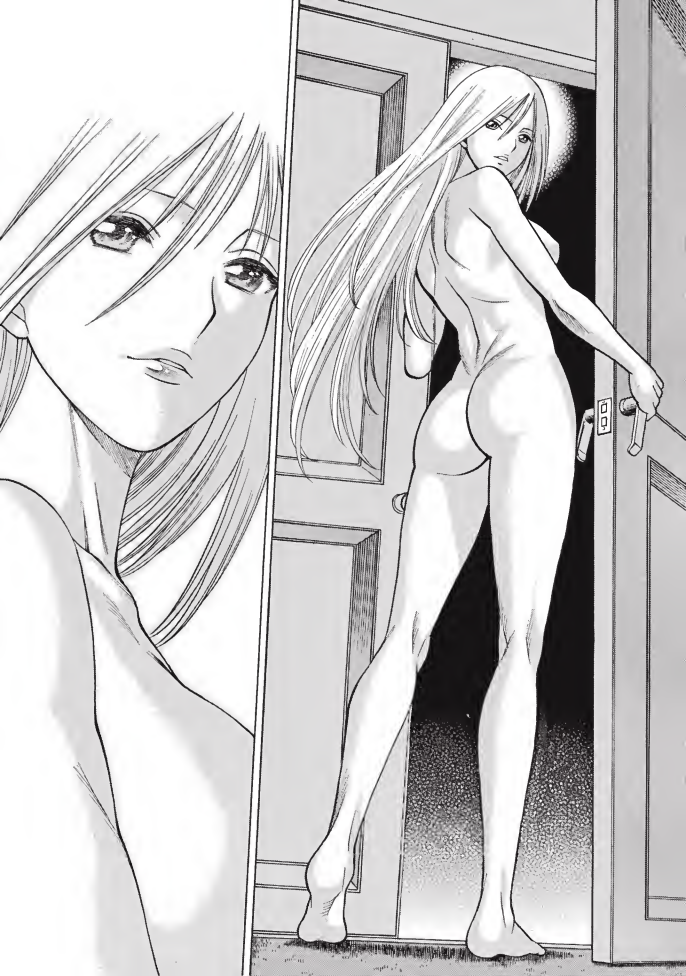
YOU
HAVE
TOO..

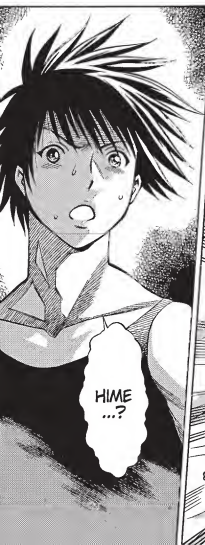
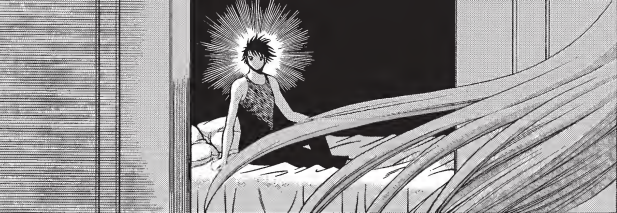
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MAYBE...

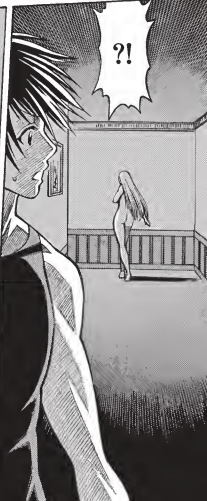
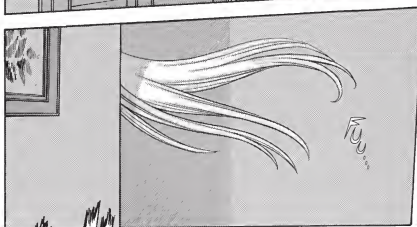


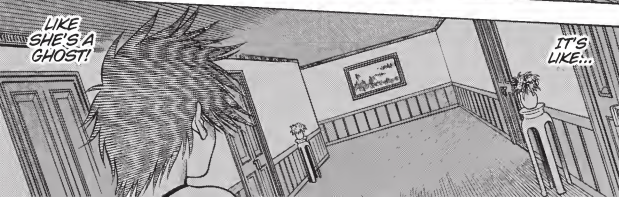
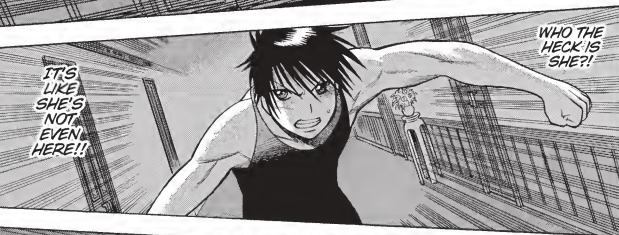
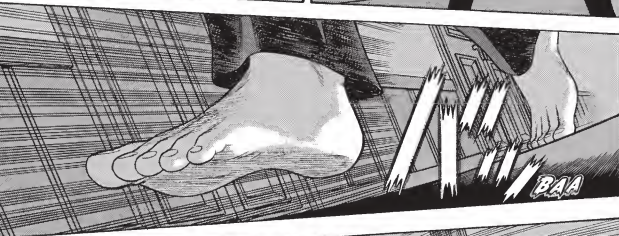
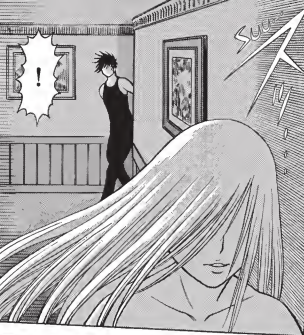


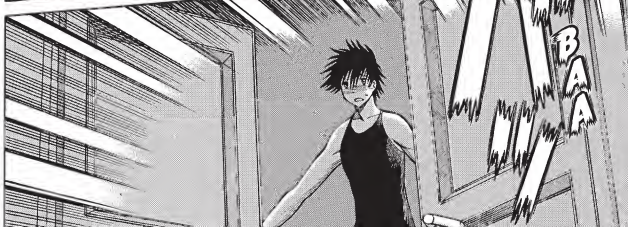
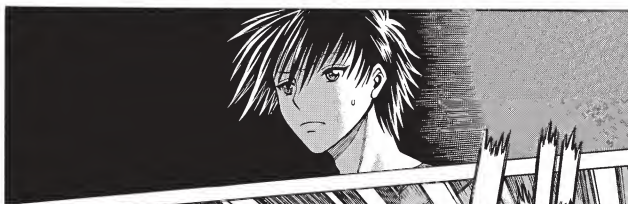
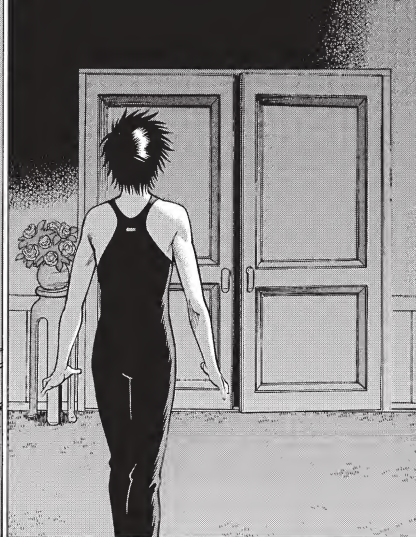




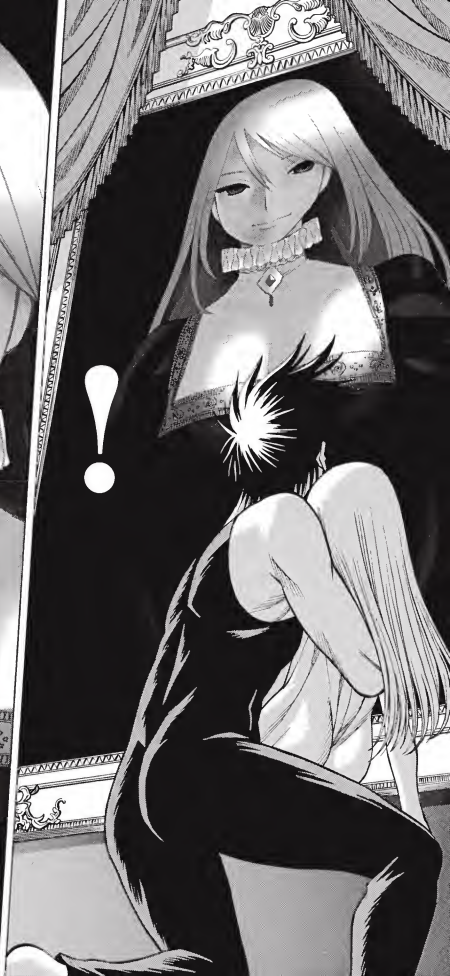
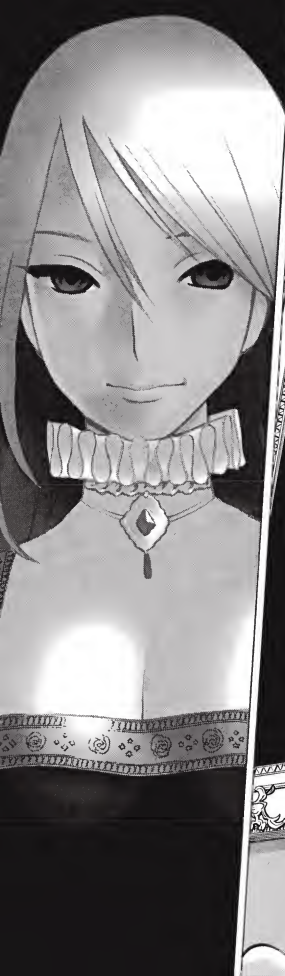


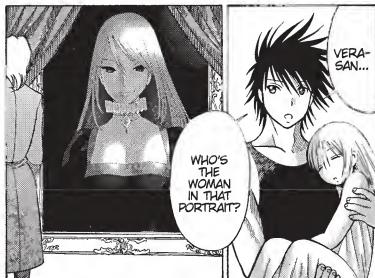
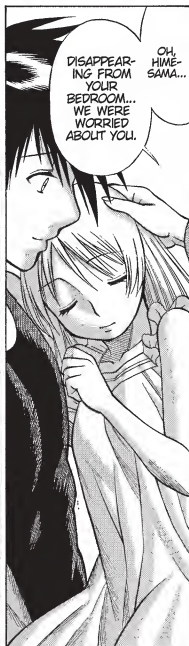
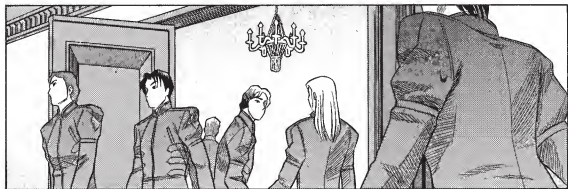


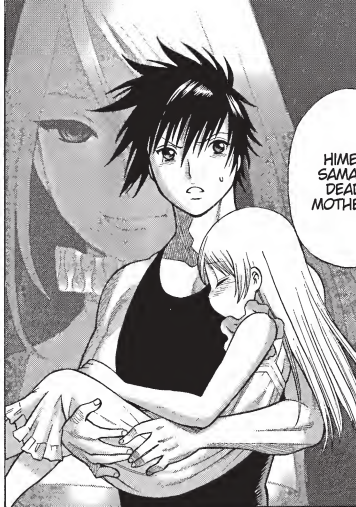












HIME-
SAMA'S
DEAD
MOTHER.

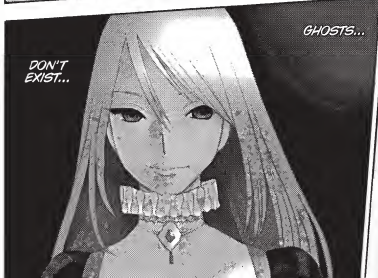


LUCREZIA-
SAMA, THE
PREVIOUS
HEAD OF
THE TEPEŞ
FAMILY...



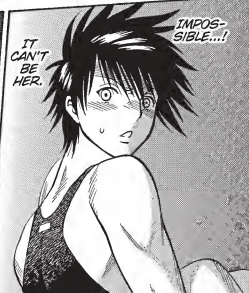
UH, NO,
IT... IT'S
NOTHING.

WHAT
ABOUT
HER?



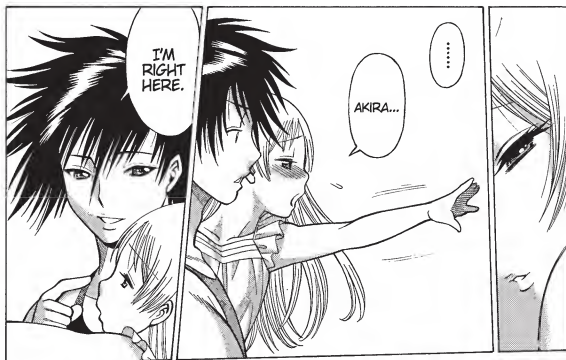
DON'T
EXIST...

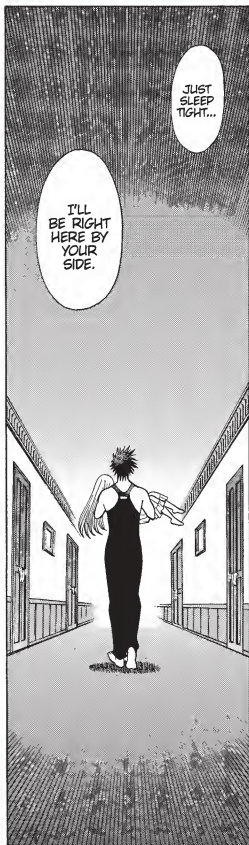
GHOSTS...



IT
CAN'T
BE
HER.

IMPOS-
SIBLE...!





I'LL
BE RIGHT
HERE BY
YOUR
SIDE.

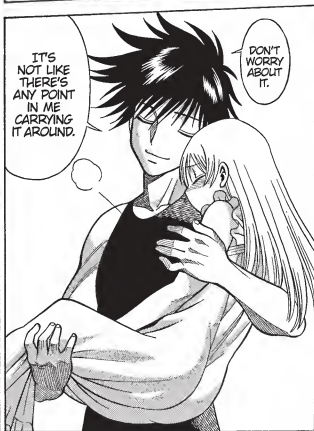
JUST
SLEEP
TIGHT...



AKIRA,
I'M
SORRY.

I
SWEAR
I...I'LL
FIND IT
LATER...

I LOST
THAT RING
SOME-
WHERE.



IT'S
NOT LIKE
THERE'S
ANY POINT
IN ME
CARRYING
IT AROUND.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

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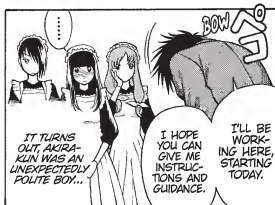
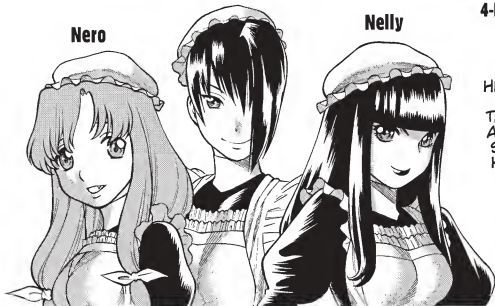
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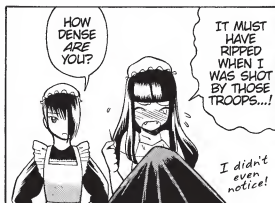
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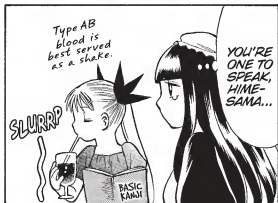
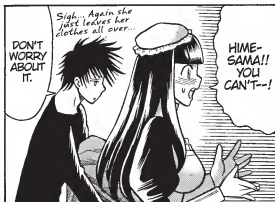
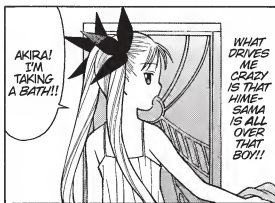
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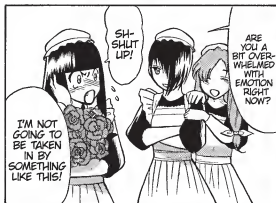
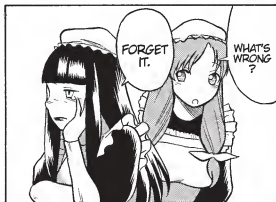
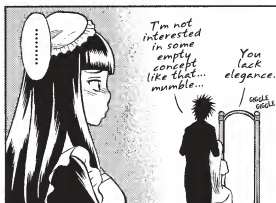
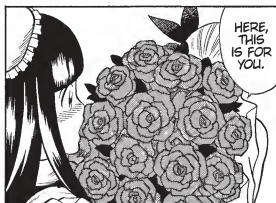
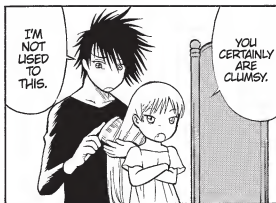
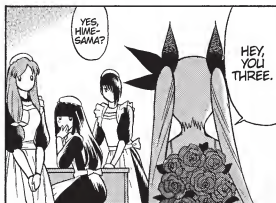
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HELLO THERE.
WE'RE THE
THREE MAIDS
ASSIGNED TO
SERVE MINA
HIME-SAMA.









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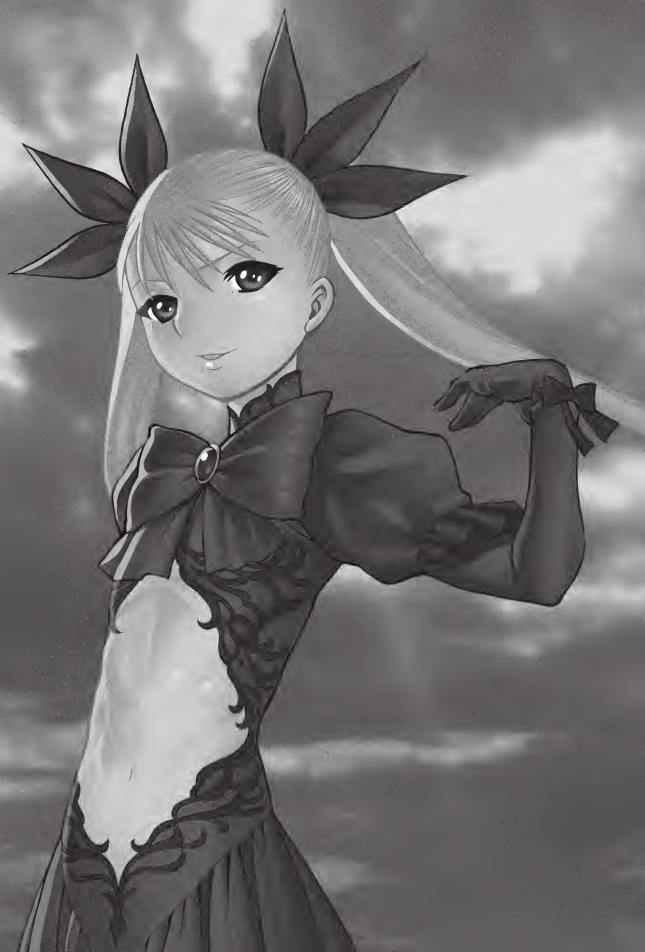


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